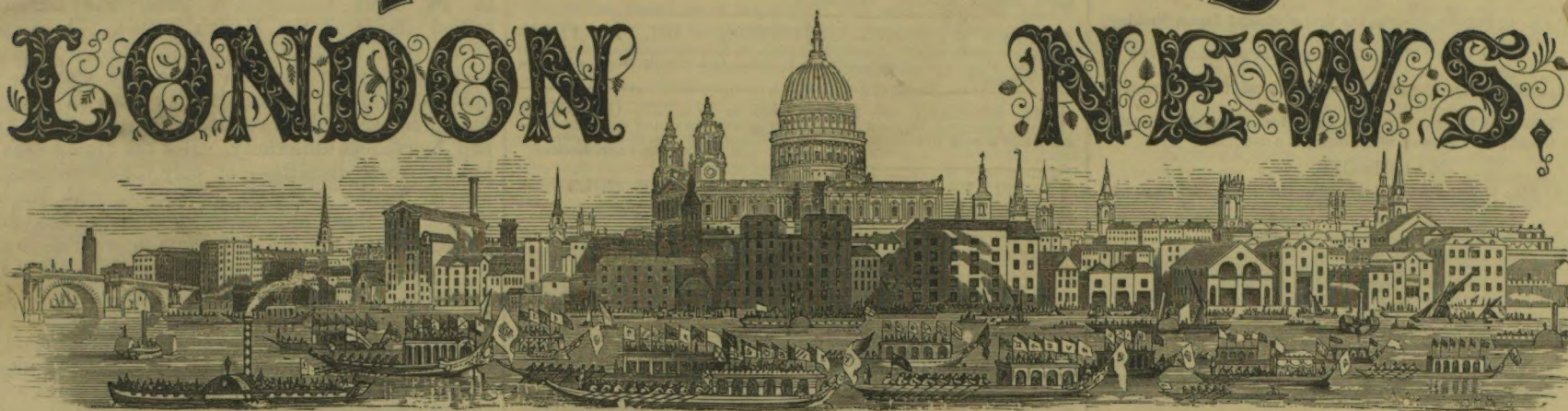


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COLLISION BETWEEN THE VILLE DU HAVRE AND THE LOCHEARN.

BIRTHS.

On the 13th inst., at Holly House, Weybridge, the wife of Charles Dixon Brown, of a son.

On the 1st ult., at Paraba, Brazil, the wife of Robert James Shadders, Esq., British Vice-Consul, of a son.

On the 6th inst., at Collet Hall, Ware, the wife of Brackenbury C. Berkeley, Esq., of a son.

On Oct. 31, at Valparaiso, the wife of John Edward Naylor, junior, of a daughter.

On the 14th inst., at Bryanston-square, Lady Rose Weighall, of a son.

On the 10th inst., the Countess of Munster, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

On the 20th ult., at St. Matthias's Church, Hastings, Barbadoes, by the Rev. C. Field, assisted by the Rev. W. D. Arrindell, of St. Ann's Church, William Phillips Clarke, Esq., to Constance Ione, eldest daughter of D. C. Da Costa, Esq., of Dalkeith, St. Michael, Barbadoes.

On the 11th inst., at the parish church of St. Peter Port, by the Rev. R. J. Ozaune, M.A., Rector, assisted by the Rev. J. Oates, M.A., Principal of Elizabeth College, Robert Thomas Powlett Cuthbert, Major H.M.'s 15th (York East Riding) Regiment, son of the late Colonel Cuthbert, formerly of the same regiment, to Genevieve Anson, youngest daughter of M. A. Bazille Corbin, Esq., Guernsey.

DEATHS.

On the 11th inst., at her residence, 95, Earl's-court-road, Kensington, Lucy, the relict of the late James Berriman Tippetts, Esq., in the 76th year of her age.

On the 8th inst., at 4, Victoria-street, Westminster, Major-General Albert George Austen, retired full-pay Royal Horse Artillery, sixth son of the late Sir Henry Edmund Austen, of Shalford House, Surrey, in his 73rd year.

On the 9th inst., at Grafton House, Worcester Park, Surrey, Philip Horwood, youngest son of Henry Bruton Deare, Esq., aged 7 years.

On Oct. 1, at Puerto Limos, Costa Rica, C.A., James John Plumridge, Esq., formerly Lieutenant 9th Foot and Captain 3rd W.I. Regiment, late Inspector of the Frontier Police of British Honduras, aged 35.

* * The charge for the insertion of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is Five Shillings for each announcement.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK ENDING DEC. 27.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21.		London Anthropological Society, 8 p.m.	
Fourth Sunday in Advent.		WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24	
St. Thomas the Apostle. Shortest day.		George I. King of Greece, born, 1845.	
St. Paul's Cathedral, 10.30 a.m., the Bishop of London's ordination, the Rev. J. Moorhouse; 3.15 p.m., the Rev. Canon Liddon; 7 p.m., the Rev. L. G. Mylne.		Royal Albert Hall, Choral Society, 8 p.m. ("The Messiah").	
Westminster Abbey, 10 a.m., the Rev. Canon Conway; 3 p.m., the Very Rev. the Dean, Dr. Stanley.		Manchester first Christmas Show of Cattle, &c.	
St. James's, noon, the Rev. Dr. Walbaum.		THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25.	
Whitehall, 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., probably the Rev. Josiah B. Pearson.		Christmas Day.	
Savoy, 11.30 a.m. and 7 p.m., the Rev. Henry White, Chaplain in Ordinary to the Queen and Chaplain to the Speaker.		St. Paul's Cathedral, 10.30 a.m., the Very Rev. the Dean, Dr. Chu ch, 3.15 p.m. (no sermon).	
Temple Church, 11 a.m., probably the Rev. Dr. Vaughan, Master of the Temple; 3 p.m., the Rev. Alfred Ainger, Reader at the Temple.		Westminster Abbey, 10 a.m., the Very Rev. the Dean, Dr. Stanley.	
French Anglican Church of St. John ("La Savoy"), Bloomsbury-street, services in French, 11 a.m. and 3.30 p.m., by the Rev. F. B. W. Bouverie, Incumbent.		St. James's, noon, the Rev. Dr. Walbaum.	
MONDAY, DECEMBER 22.		FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27.	
Royal Academy of Music, examinations, 10 a.m.		St. Stephen, Deacon and Martyr.	
Medical Society, 8 p.m.		Bank holiday.	
Royal Academy, meeting to elect an Academician.		Moon's first quarter, 4.5 p.m.	
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23.		Quekett Microscopical Club, 8 p.m.	
Institution of Civil Engineers, 8 p.m., annual meeting.		Manchester Christmas Show.	
		Royal Albert Hall, Grand National Concerts, 2.30 and 8 p.m.	
		SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27.	
		St. John the Evangelist.	
		Royal Horticultural Society, promenade, 2 p.m.	
		Manchester Christmas Show.	
		Royal Institution, 3 p.m. (Professor Tyndall on Sound).	

THE WEATHER.

RESULTS OF METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS AT THE
NEW OBSERVATORY OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY.
Lat. 51° 28' 6" N.; Long. 0° 18' 47" W.; Height above Sea, 34 feet.

DAY.	DAILY MEANS OF				THERMOM.		WIND.		General Direction.	Movement in 24 hours, read at 10 a.m. next morning.	Rain in 24 hours, read at 10 a.m. next morning.
	Barometer Corrected.	Temperature of the Air.	Dew Point.	Relative Humidity.	Minimum, read at 10 a.m.	Maximum, read at 10 p.m.	Direction.	Force.			
December	Inches.	°	°	°	°	°		Miles.		In.	
3	30.582	47.4	42.6	85	10	47.2	WSW. W.	138	000		
4	30.581	41.5	38.3	90	10	41.0	WSW. SW.	163	000		
5	30.398	43.5	40.5	90	10	40.9	WSW. W.	197	000		
6	30.466	42.7	35.7	78	10	42.2	W. NE.	71	000		
7	30.442	44.0	39.8	86	10	37.7	NE. SSW.	118	000		
8	30.550	42.2	35.9	80	4	42.0	SSW. SW.	55	000		
9	30.553	29.3	28.0	95	1	23.4	SW.	24	000		
10	30.556	24.0	24.0	100	0	20.4	SW.	19	000		
11	30.607	27.2	27.0	99	0	20.7	SW.	30	000		
12	30.616	31.7	31.7	100	0	24.0	SW.	37	000		
13	30.599	34.6	32.2	92	10	31.0	SW. WNW.	81	000		
14	30.411	34.1	32.7	95	10	32.2	WNW.	113	020		
15	30.194	41.4	39.9	97	10	33.0	SSW. SW.	440	016		
16	29.912	50.8	46.4	86	7	38.7	WSW. W.	295	000		

The following are the readings of the meteorological instruments for the above days, in order, at ten a.m.:-

DEC. 3 TO DEC. 9.									
Barometer (in inches) corrected	30.592	30.625	30.450	30.416	30.548	30.599	30.596		
Temperature of Air	48.5	41.7	42.5	44.5	43.2	44.3	25.4		
Temperature of Evaporation	47.4	40.2	41.2	41.2	41.8	41.8	25.1		
Direction of Wind	WSW.	W.	W.	N.	NE.	SSW.	CALM.		
DEC. 10 TO DEC. 16.									
Barometer (in inches) corrected	30.585	30.636	30.639	30.480	30.221	29.839			
Temperature of Air	21.3	25.6	32.3	35.4	34.2	55.3			
Temperature of Evaporation	21.3	25.3	32.3	34.9	33.7	52.7			
Direction of Wind	CALM.	SW.	CALM.	SW.	WSW.	SSW.	WSW.		

TIMES OF HIGH WATER AT LONDON BRIDGE FOR THE WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 27.

Sunday.		Monday.		Tuesday.		Wednesday.		Thursday.		Friday.		Saturday.	
M	A	M	A	M	A	M	A	M	A	M	A	M	A
h m	h m	h m	h m	h m	h m	h m	h m	h m	h m	h m	h m	h m	h m
2 50	3 10	3 30	3 55	4 17	4 38	5 2	5 27	5 50	6 15	6 42	7 10	7 38	8 10

national right? It is not by running counter to popular opinion and sentiment—more especially when they have passed into the form of popular determination—that statesmen of second-rate or third-rate abilities can keep within their hands the power to control the nation. When it comes to a contest between a small minority and an immense majority, no schemes by which the former would withhold from the latter what they reasonably demand can be successful. The Duc de Broglie has persuaded the National Assembly to appoint a President for seven years; he has, to a large extent, weeded from Republicanism the Prefectures of all the departments; he has interfered with the free action of municipalities and with the free expression of opinion by the public press; but he has gained nothing, not a single step in advance, by his overbearing domination. Neither is it likely that he will do so by any practicable change in the law of elections. The constituencies have already got beyond that stage of plasticity which can be turned to account at will by any statesman. If the French people will but continue to eschew all illegal weapons, and will persist in using those only which the Constitution puts within their reach, they will assuredly, and at no very distant period, frustrate all the intrigues of designing politicians and will lay for themselves a broad and enduring foundation of liberty and order.

THE COURT.

The Queen, accompanied by Princess Louis of Hesse and Princess Beatrice, drove to Cumberland Lodge, Windsor Park, on Wednesday week, and visited Prince and Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein. Prince Louis of Hesse returned to Windsor Castle from visiting Prince Leopold at Oxford. Mr. Theodore Martin arrived at the castle. His Excellency the German Ambassador and Countess Olga Münster, and the Lord Chamberlain and Viscountess Sydney dined with her Majesty. On the following day Mr. Theodore Martin dined with the Queen. Yesterday (Friday) week her Majesty held a Council, at which were present Lord Aberdare, the Right Hon. R. Lowe, and Viscount Sydney. Sir John Coleridge and Dr. Lyon Playfair were sworn in members of the Privy Council. Sir Arthur Helps was Clerk of the Council. The Queen conferred the dignity of knighthood upon Mr. Henry James, Mr. William Vernon Harcourt, Vice-Chancellor Charles Hall, Mr. Archibald Paull Burt (Chief Justice of Western Australia), and Mr. Henry Doyle (Chief Justice of the Bahama Islands). Her Majesty, Princess Louis of Hesse, and Princess Beatrice were present at the christening, by the Dean of Windsor, of the infant daughter of Mr. Archibald Brown, one of the personal attendants on the Prince Consort. The ceremony took place at the residence of the parents, Windsor. The child was named Victoria. Prince Louis of Hesse went to Aldershot Camp on a visit to Prince Arthur. The Hon. Mary Lascelles and Mr. Theodore Martin left the castle. Prince and Princess Christian, the Dean of Westminster and Lady Augusta Stanley, and the Right Hon. Dr. Lyon Playfair dined with her Majesty. The Hon. Flora Macdonald left the castle. On Saturday last the Queen, accompanied by Princess Louis of Hesse and Princess Beatrice, drove to New Lodge and visited M. and Madame van de Weyer. The Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Arthur, Prince Leopold, and Prince Louis of Hesse arrived at the castle. Lady Augusta Stanley dined with her Majesty. Sunday was the twelfth anniversary of the death of the lamented Prince Consort. The Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, Prince and Princess Louis of Hesse, Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, Princess Beatrice, the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Arthur, and Prince Leopold went to the mausoleum at eleven o'clock, when a special service was performed by the Hon. and Very Rev. the Dean of Windsor, assisted by the Very Rev. the Dean of Westminster. Sir George Elvey, Mus. D., and a portion of the choir of St. George's Chapel performed the musical portion of the ceremony. By her Majesty's command the mausoleum was kept open for three hours after the service for the members of the Royal household, including the servants resident within the castle and their families, and most of the Royal tradesmen in the town, to visit it. Divine service was performed in the private chapel of the castle, at twelve o'clock, by the Rev. H. J. Ellison, Vicar of Windsor. The Dean of Westminster and Lady Augusta Stanley dined with her Majesty. On Monday the Prince and Princess of Wales and Prince Arthur left the castle. The Dean of Westminster and Lady Augusta Stanley, Lady Emma Osborne, and Sir Howard Elphinstone dined with the Queen. On Tuesday Prince Leopold came to London, returning to the castle in the evening. Lady Emma Osborne and Sir Howard Elphinstone left the castle. Her Majesty's dinner party included Prince and Princess Louis of Hesse, Prince Leopold, the Duke of Cambridge, the Duke and Duchess of Abercorn and Lady Georgiana Hamilton, the Marchioness of Ely, and the Earl of Breadalbane. On Wednesday the Duke of Cambridge, the Duke and Duchess of Abercorn and Lady Georgiana Hamilton, and the Dean of Westminster and Lady Augusta Stanley, left the castle. Princess Mary of Baden (Duchess Dowager of Hamilton) and the Princess of Monaco visited the Queen, and remained to luncheon. The Empress Eugénie paid her Majesty a visit on Thursday afternoon. Her Majesty, with the members of the Royal family, has driven out daily. The Court has arrived at Osborne House, Isle of Wight, to pass the Christmas. Lady Waterpark has succeeded Viscountess Clifden as Lady in Waiting; and the Hon. Horatia Stopford has arrived as Maid of Honour in Waiting to the Queen. Prince and Princess Louis of Hesse have given M. Koberwein sittings for their portraits. The Queen presented an Indian shawl to Miss Loftus, upon her marriage with the Hon. Captain Wellesley.

THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES.

The Prince and Princess of Wales left Blenheim Palace on Saturday last. During their Royal Highnesses' stay with the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough the Princess visited the Vice-Chancellor and Mrs. Liddell at The Deanery, Christ Church, Oxford, where Prince Leopold met her Royal Highness and afterwards drove her to his residence, Wykeham House. The bells of the cathedral were rung. The Princess afterwards returned to Blenheim. The Prince had excellent sport shooting, and a small dance was given by the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough in honour of their Royal guests. The Prince and Princess joined the Royal family circle at Windsor Castle upon the anniversary of the Prince Consort's death, and returned on Monday to Marlborough House. On Tuesday their Royal Highnesses left town on a visit to Lord Rendlesham at Rerdlesham Hall. The Prince and Princess travelled by the Great Eastern Railway to Ipswich, where they were met by

Lord Rendlesham. The Mayor and Corporation of the town were in attendance, and an address was presented; Miss Chevallier, daughter of the Mayor, also presented a bouquet to the Princess. At the conclusion of their Royal Highnesses' visit they will proceed to Sandringham, where they will pass Christmas. The Prince has sent presents of game to the Westminster, St. George's, and other hospitals.

The Duke of Edinburgh went to the Gaiety Theatre on Wednesday evening. His Royal Highness, on Thursday, laid the first stone of the National Training-School for Music, on the west side of the Royal Albert Hall.

Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, on Saturday last, distributed the prizes given by the Art and Science Department of the Committee of Council on Education. The ceremony took place at the Townhall, Windsor. Prince and Princess Christian left Cumberland Lodge, on Monday, on a visit to the Earl and Countess of Dudley, at Witley Court.

The Empress Eugénie visited the Duchess Dowager of Hamilton and the Princess of Monaco at Holland House, Kensington, on Tuesday. The Duchess of Hamilton and the Princess of Monaco paid a visit to the Empress Eugénie and the Prince Imperial, last Saturday, at Camden House, Chiselmhurst.

Prince and Princess Louis Murat have arrived at Brown's Hotel.

His Excellency Mirza Malcom Khan, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of his Majesty the Shah of Persia, has arrived at the Alexandra Hotel.

The marriage of Captain Manningham Buller and Lady Anne Coke, daughter of the Earl of Leicester, will take place at Holkham, Norfolk, early in January.

A marriage is arranged to take place between Lady Constance Moreton, daughter of the Earl and Countess of Ducie, and Mr. George Shaw Lefevre, M.P. for Reading.

The marriage of Miss Grace Osborne, second daughter of Mr. Bernal Osborne, M.P. for Waterford, with the Duke of St. Albans, will take place in the first week in January, at her father's residence in Ireland.

The marriage of Mr. Bellingham and Lady Constance Noel, daughter of the Earl of Gainsborough, is fixed to take place at Exton House, on Jan. 13.

THE LATE COLLISION AT SEA.

The terrible disaster of the loss of the French Atlantic steamship Ville du Havre, with more than 220 lives, by a collision with the sailing-ship Lochearn, of Glasgow, was described and commented upon in this Journal a fortnight ago. Our Artist sent to Cardiff to meet the survivors when they landed was able to get from one of them, André Ernault, who is the only survivor of the watch on duty at the time of the collision, materials for the illustration engraved on our front page. It will be remembered how this deplorable accident took place, off the Azores, a little before two o'clock in the morning, on the night before Saturday, the 22nd ult. The Ville du Havre had left New York seven days before, on her voyage to the port of Havre-de-Grâce, with 141 passengers and a cargo of wheat, cotton, grease, and skins; her officers and crew were 172 in number, making 313 persons on board. She was under the command of Captain Marius Surmonte. There had been a heavy fog during two or three days before the collision, but on the night when it happened the weather was very clear and fine. Most of the eighty-nine first-class passengers were American ladies and gentlemen, with their children, going to Paris for a pleasure trip. The captain had retired to his berth, leaving the ship in charge of the second officer. The Lochearn, which was commanded by Captain Robertson, had also been left in charge of her second officer, Mr. Boldchild. The most intelligible account of the collision is given by Alcide Lalanze, who was one of the French stewards on board the ill-fated ship. He says, "The night was clear and starlight, but there was no moon shining. We had our head-sails and topsails set, and were going before the wind at about twelve knots an hour. I went to bed at about half-past nine, and was awake by the collision. I immediately rushed on deck, saw the Lochearn astern of us and heard some one call out that we were sinking. I went back to my bunk, for the purpose of putting on a pair of pants, and found it already up to my knees in water. On returning to the deck I went to help get one of the long boats over the side. The passengers were all rushing backward and forward, some crying, 'Save me! save me!' while others fell down and prayed. They were all so excited that we could do scarcely anything. I tried to help some of the sailors to get a boat off, but the passengers were all jumping into it and frustrating our efforts. As soon as our ship began to fill she commenced to lean over on the port side. This, I think, accounts for the snapping of the mainmast, which brought down the mizenmast with it. The captain just happened to come out of his room before the collision took place, and as soon as he opened his door he saw the Lochearn's jibboom over the bulwarks. After going on the bridge he made every endeavour to keep the people quiet and to get the boats over, but the passengers all seemed so terror-stricken that we could do nothing scarcely. It was fearful to see the women and children running about the deck crying and entreating us to save them. We did all we could for them, but the time was so short that that all was very little. As soon as I saw her going below water I jumped off the rail astern and swam towards the Lochearn. The cries of the struggling people behind me I never, never can forget, and I seem to hear them now ringing wildly in my ears. After being in the water a few minutes I got hold of a buoy, which enabled me to keep afloat for nearly an hour, when I was picked up by one of the Lochearn's boats. From what I have heard I should think the Lochearn was seen five or six minutes before she struck us." The Ville du Havre sank in about fifteen minutes, but two of her boats, with the boats of the Lochearn, saved eighty-seven of the persons on board her. They were transferred, at noon of the next day, to the American ship Trimountain, Captain Urquhart, which brought them safely to Cardiff. The Lochearn, on her part, was so much damaged by the collision that it is a wonder how she kept afloat; her bowsprit was knocked quite out of the keel, and the entire bow of the vessel was shattered, being crushed flat, so that she would have filled and gone down but for a bulkhead 25 ft. aft of the stem. In this condition she was unable to sail a mile, but drifted 210 miles, until the 28th, when she was met by another ship, the British Queen, Captain Masters, bound from Philadelphia to Antwerp. This was in mid-ocean, 1300 miles from land. The crew and officers, with two passengers, thirty-three in all, were then glad to quit the Lochearn and seek refuge on board the British Queen, which brought them to Plymouth on Saturday, the 6th inst. The Lochearn was left to founder at sea. Both the French Government and the Board of Trade in Great Britain have instituted official inquiries, to find out who was in fault, and what was the cause of this lamentable affair, which has occasioned much distress at New York among the families of the passengers drowned.

THE CHURCH.

Dr. Harold Browne, the new Bishop of Winchester, was, last week, enthroned in the cathedral of his diocese, in the presence of a large number of the clergy and laity.

Under the direction of Sir Gilbert Scott, R.A., the fine old chancel of Owston church, near Doncaster, has been thoroughly restored at the expense of P. B. Davies-Cooke, Esq., the patron and lay rector, and of Mrs. Davies-Cooke.

Dr. Tristram gave judgment, on Monday, in the famous baldacchino case, against the Vicar and churchwardens of St. Barnabas, Pimlico, refusing their application and condemning them in costs.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, on Wednesday morning, consecrated the enlarged and restored Church of Holy Trinity, Sittingbourne, Kent, where manufactories and brickfields have brought a large population. His Grace preached the sermon.

The *Norfolk Chronicle* reports the restoration of Pulham St. Mary's Church, through the exertion of the Rector, the Rev. Spencer Fellows, who has raised £1600 amongst his friends and parishioners—£800 more being required to complete the work.

The Bishop of Hereford laid the foundation-stone of a new church, on Thursday week, in the parish of St. Giles, Cambridge. The ceremony was succeeded by a dinner in the hall of Magdalen College, presided over by the master, the Hon. and Rev. L. Neville.

Dr. Woodford's consecration as Bishop of Ely was performed in Westminster Abbey, on Sunday, the Primate and the Bishops of London, Winchester, Lincoln, and Ripon officiating. The sermon was preached by the Archdeacon of Berkshire. The new Bishop performed his first official act in his diocese on Tuesday, when he consecrated the church in the newly-formed parish of St. Mary, at March, in the Isle of Ely.

A good work has recently been carried out at Loxton parish church, near Weston-super-Mare. The interior of the church used to be unsightly and uncomfortable, being fitted with high, old-fashioned, straight-backed pews, and the passages being of common paving, not very dry. All this has happily been changed by the exertions and at the sole expense of Mr. Henry F. Tiarks, the patron of the living.

On the 12th inst. the chancel of St. Luke's parish church, Leek, was reopened by the Bishop of the diocese. The church, which is in the Decorated style, was built about thirty years ago, and, but for a short and poorly-fitted chancel, was above the average of buildings of that period. The chancel has now been extended ten feet eastward, repaved, and furnished with a reredos, stalls, and sedilia, from the designs of Mr. Sedding.

The formal celebration of the completion of the rebuilding of the parish church and tower of St. Marychurch, Torquay, took place recently, and was duly observed by special services at the church and a public dinner at the Assembly-rooms afterwards, at which the Vicar, the Rev. D. Fearon, presided. The foundation of the restored church was laid in August twenty-one years ago, and from that time to last year the work of renewal has been going on, until it is now pronounced complete.

The Bishop of Chester consecrated a church, to be known as St. Margaret's, Anfield, on Nov. 25. The building, which equals the finest churches in the neighbourhood, is erected by a private gentleman. Well known in Liverpool circles, Alderman Preston, the founder, will henceforth be known to the Church at large. It was not God's will that he should be spared to see his noble work completed; but, under the personal superintendence of his son, the father's wishes have been carried out. The church is situated at the junction of West Derby-road and Belmont-road, near a large population.

The parish church of St. Andrew Backwell, which contains many interesting features, including a tower, which is notable even among the many noble towers of Somersetshire, was in a very dilapidated state, when, two years ago, the restoration was begun under the direction of Mr. Street, R.A. The ancient oak screens inclosing the chancel and chapels have been very carefully repaired; carved oak stalls have been provided for the choir; and a beautiful reredos by Earp, representing the crucifixion, fills the space above the altar. The pulpit is of richly carved oak, upon a stone base. A new font fills up the space eastward of the lower arch, which is of lofty proportions. The reopening of the church took place on the 25th ult.

The ancient parish church of Seale, Surrey, upon which, within the last thirteen years, more than £2000 has been laid out, in addition to the building of a parsonage house, and also a new church, schools, and parsonage in the hamlet of Tongham, has, during the past few months, received further improvements. The central tower has been raised ten feet for the construction of a ringers' chamber, and crowned with a new roof; the bells have been increased in number from three to six; and a south transept built to receive the organ. The last-named addition is the gift of a parishioner, the cost of the other works being defrayed by general contributions. The outlay on the entire new works is about £800. All has been completed without the suspension of Divine service on a single occasion.

A window of stained glass, by Messrs. O'Connor and Taylor, has been put up in the church at Saxmundham, as a memorial of her two sons, by Mrs. Long, of Hurts Hall. The design, which is of a highly studied character, is by the Marchioness of Waterford, the subject being the "Ascension of our Lord," and the tracery, which is of the Perpendicular style of architecture, being filled in with angels. A stained-glass window has been recently placed in the Church of St. Andrew, Netherton, bearing the following inscription:—"This window is erected by the parishioners and other friends to the glory of God and to the memory of Blanche Skidmore, of Netherton-hill House, in grateful acknowledgment of her munificent gifts to the church and her numberless acts of kindness and charity to the poor."

The Church of St. Mary, Ewshott, in the district of Church Crookham, Hants, was consecrated, on the 1st inst., by the Bishop of Winchester. A site having been given by Mr. T. L. Johnston, the Vicar of Crookham (the Rev. G. Powell) employed Mr. J. O. Scott to erect a church, with sittings for 130 people, at a cost of about £2000. The requisite sum has been raised, within about £150, by subscriptions from all classes; the principal contributors, besides the Vicar, being the Rev. G. E. D. de Vitre, Mr. C. Lefroy, Mr. E. M. Parker, and Miss Bourne. The reredos, a beautifully-executed work in marble and alabaster (by Messrs. Farmer and Brindley), is a gift from Captain Lowndes in memory of his wife, a daughter of Mrs. G. A. Crawley, who has herself provided the communion plate. The Bishop was celebrant and preacher.

At a public meeting held yesterday week, at Bristol, it was agreed to support at least three scholarships for the blind of Bristol at the Normal College for the Blind, Norwood.

Craven Lodge, the residence of Mr. J. Coupland, master of the Quorn foxhounds, has been sold by private treaty to Mr. Younger, the brewer, of Edinburgh, for £14,000.

THE WAR ON THE GOLD COAST.



A BUSH WOMAN.



A-HANTRES.



A BELLE OF CAPE COAST CASTLE.

The news from Cape Coast Castle to Nov. 17, which reached us on Monday, was such as to show, yet more forcibly than before, the imminent need of reinforcements of European troops for Sir Garnet Wolseley's operations against the Ashantees. The General, who had been laid up a few days on board H.M.S. Simoom with the ordinary fever of the West African coast, was still unable to push his advantage gained over the enemy till he should have received the additional forces then on their way from England. There was, indeed, a rumour, not yet verified, that an army of 25,000 Ashantees had been outflanked and surrounded in the vicinity of the Prah. The Ashantees were said to be hemmed in by a semicircular cordon of native troops, consisting of the 2nd West India Regiment, a body of Houssas, and a large force of Koossoos, our new allies from

Sierra Leone, the remainder of the encircling army being composed of Fantees. The problem, therefore, seemed to be whether the Ashantees would cut their way through the opposing forces back towards Coomassie, or whether they could be held in their position until the arrival of the British troops, or driven still further towards the coast. Meanwhile, reports had come in to Cape Coast Castle by native messengers to the effect that King Koffi Calcalli, having heard of the position of his army, had left Ashantee for the Prah at the head of 60,000 men, and was determined to liberate the 25,000 warriors who were shut out from Coomassie. At Cape Coast Castle a very high opinion is said to be entertained of the fighting powers of the Ashantees, and the arrival of reinforcements of British troops was anxiously looked for.

The Fantees of Cape Coast Castle have proved themselves arrant cowards; they are to be disarmed and employed as labourers. It is satisfactory now to hear that the troop-ships Himalaya and Tamar, with the 23rd (Royal Welsh) Fusiliers, the Rifle Brigade, and detachments of the Royal Artillery and Royal Engineers, have arrived at Cape Coast Castle.

We present a few more illustrations of the figures and costumes of the native people, whose condition was fully described in our preceding articles upon this subject. These Engravings of a bush woman, a town woman of Cape Coast Castle, and a couple of fighting men, are copied from photographs lent us by Mr. James Irvine, F.R.G.S., of Birkenhead. He got them in 1869, at Cape Coast Castle, from the photographer there, who is a native of Sierra Leone. Mr. Irvine lately gave an in-



A MOSQUITO CURTAIN FOR THE SOLDIER'S REST.



LIFE ON BOARD A TROOP-SHIP: INSPECTION OF HANDS AND FEET.



LIFE ON BOARD A TROOP-SHIP: SERVING OUT GROG.

teresting lecture upon the Ashantee war to the Birkenhead Literary and Scientific Society.

A description of the dress provided by our Government for the British soldiers employed on the Gold Coast, and to be worn instead of their regimental uniform, appeared in our paper three weeks ago. It included the head-curtain or veil attached to the Indian helmet of pith and canvas, to be used occasionally for protection against the mosquitoes, sand-flies, and other noxious insects of that country. This curtain, invented by Major Sydney Millett, of the 23rd (Royal Welsh) Fusiliers, consists of a gauze bag mounted on two light hoops of elastic steel, which may be either drawn up and rolled around the top of the helmet, like an Indian "puggaree," or may have its lower hoop let down, so as to cover the face and neck. It will be found a great comfort in sleeping at night, as shown in the Illustration.

Major W. O. Carlie's sketches of life on board a troop-ship, though not actually taken, upon this occasion, from the transports now engaged in carrying our soldiers to West Africa, have yet a special interest at the present time. The regulations and habits of daily experience in such voyages were detailed in our former notices. For the prevention of irregularities and excess in drink, and for the preservation of health, the men are subjected to very stringent rules; and it is the duty of their officers to see these rules enforced. A gill of rum, mixed with two gills of water, is given to each man after dinner. He must either drink it at once, or leave it, when it is thrown overboard. The men have to show their bare hands and feet to the medical officer daily, to see that there is no skin disease or scurvy.

The steam-ship *Thames*, which is the thirteenth hired transport sent to the Gold Coast for this war, not reckoning the troop-ships *Himalaya* and *Tamar*, or the *Droinédary*, which belongs to Government, left England at the end of last week. She carries large quantities of ammunition, provisions, and clothing, with a hundred men of the Royal Marines and about twenty officers. The troop-deck and the cabins are comfortably fitted up and well ventilated. The dietary scale for the troops is exhibited between decks. It provides that each man shall be allowed daily 12 oz. of salt pork, salt beef, or preserved meat; 6 oz. of flour or its equivalent in peas, 12 oz. of biscuit on four days every week and 1 lb. of fresh bread on the other three days, 2 oz. of preserved potatoes, a pint of porter or half a gill of spirits, 2 oz. of sugar, and ½ oz. of tea. Once a week there is an extra ration of 4 oz. of rice, and twice a week raisins and extra sugar for a pudding. Each man is also allowed per week 2 oz. of salt, 6 oz. of pickles, and a quantity of vinegar, mustard, and pepper. Temperance men may have an additional allowance of tea and sugar in lieu of beer or spirits, or they may have credit for a penny per day if they prefer it. Cases of preserved sausages, similar to those on which the German army mainly subsisted during the late campaign, are sent for the use of the troops engaged in the expedition.

FOREIGN AND COLONIAL NEWS.

FRANCE.

(From our Correspondent in Paris.)

Thursday, Dec. 18.

The excitement relating to the Bazaine *procès* is gradually passing away. The commutation of the sentence of death and military degradation before the ranks to twenty years' detention in a fortress and dismissal from the army has been quietly accepted by all parties save the Bonapartists, which maintains it to be an aggravation of the original judgment. The Ministry are still busy devising how best to stifle the Republican sentiment of the country, and the deliberations of the Commission of Thirty charged with mutilating the existing Constitution pursue their wearisome course. In the meanwhile France has once more affirmed her aversion to her present rulers, and—for the third time since the Parliamentary revolution of May 24, which placed Marshal MacMahon and the Duc de Broglie at the head of affairs—the provincial elections have resulted in a great Republican victory. On Sunday last MM. Bonnel, Marcou, Swiney, and Calmon, the Republican candidates in the departments of the Aude, Finistère, and Seine-et-Oise, were elected members of the National Assembly by overwhelming majorities. In the Aude, MM. Bonnel and Marcou polled nearly 70,000 votes, against 45,000 distributed among the four Monarchical candidates; and in benighted Finistère, where the clergy are supposed to reign supreme, M. Swiney obtained 61,376 votes, against 42,592 given to M. Leguen; while the hotly-contested struggle in Seine-et-Oise resulted in the nomination of M. Calmon by a majority of some 17,000 votes.

The recent successes of the Government in the National Assembly are more than counterbalanced by this great electoral defeat, the significance of which, almost on the morrow of the prolongation of Marshal MacMahon's powers, cannot be over-estimated. The success of the Republican candidates on Nov. 16 was ascribed to the miserable blunders of M. Boulé, then Minister of the Interior; but to-day the Duc de Broglie holds that post himself, and is not more fortunate than his predecessor. The strong and durable government which France was asserted to be so much in need of meets everywhere with the opposition of public opinion; and in order to assure the triumph of their cause the Royalist journals are compelled to demand the restriction of every liberty, while the Bonapartists counsel the nomination of the préfets who were so successful in securing the election of the official candidates of the Empire. As for the Legitimists, their champion, M. de Belcastel, calls for the abolition of universal suffrage and the grant of double, treble, and even quadruple votes to certain Conservative electors.

About a mile from the coast of Provence, in front of the Point de la Croisette, which separates the Gulfs of Napoule and Jouan, in the vicinity of Cannes, rise the islands of Ste. Marguerite and St. Honorat, to the first of which, rendered for ever celebrated by the sojourn of the Man with the Iron Mask, Marshal Bazaine is shortly to be removed. Immediately after pronouncing their terrible sentence, the Duc d'Aumale and his colleagues addressed a petition to the Minister of War begging him to intercede with the President of the Republic on behalf of the ex-commander of the Army of the Rhine. Marshal MacMahon, whom this step placed in an embarrassing position, at once conferred with his Ministers, and not merely commuted the sentence of death, but decided upon sparing Marshal Bazaine the deeply humiliating ceremony invariably attending military degradation, although in principle that part of the sentence is to have effect. Upon the President's decision being communicated to the prisoner (who had previously written to his counsel, Maître Lachaud, thanking him for the manner in which he had conducted his defence and expressing the conviction that his conduct would be justified in after times) he wrote to Marshal MacMahon in the following terms:—"You have remembered the time when we served our country side by side; but I fear that the kind feeling of your heart has prevailed over reasons of State. I should have died without regret; for the petition for a commutation addressed to you by my judges avenges my honour"—a piece of sophistry which may console the ex-Marshal and his partisans, but will impose on no one else.

One of the most curious circumstances in connection with the Trianon *cause célèbre* is the interest which M. Thiers appears to have taken in the prisoner, whose conduct he has always steadily defended. The newspapers published a letter from M. Lachaud to the ex-President thanking him for the sympathy and advice with which he had supported and encouraged him during the trial, and concluding with the following words:—"Sad experience has already taught France the depth of your insight and the wisdom of your counsels. The future will show that in the present instance your judgment was not at fault." The prisoner, who, on receiving the news of his sentence, merely expressing surprise at the fact that he had been unanimously condemned, is to be allowed to have his wife and family with him at the Ile Ste. Marguerite. The costs of the trial, which he will have to defray, amount to over £20,000; and it is rumoured that when these are paid he will have very little money left, having dissipated almost the whole of the enormous fortune he acquired in Mexico previous to the war of 1870.

The National Assembly has been occupied throughout the week in discussing next year's Budget, having engaged in only one debate of any interest. The recent commutation of Marshal Bazaine's sentence has led the Republican party to call the attention of the Chamber to the condition of the Communists transported to New Caledonia, scores of whom, it is said, are dying every month, and to advocate an amnesty for all offences committed in connection with the recent Parisian insurrection. MM. Peron and Brisson succeeded, last Monday, in persuading the Assembly to take some steps with regard to the various propositions of this nature brought forward by different Republican deputies previous to the autumnal recess, and the question will in all probability soon receive a solution.

The Constitutional Committee, after appointing a sub-committee of nine to examine the question of the organisation and attributes of the executive powers, has commenced discussing the reform of the electoral law, the members of the Right vigorously attacking the principle of universal suffrage, as being dangerous to the safety of all Governments, and urging that greater influence should be given to the wealth and intelligence of the country. The committee charged with examining the new municipal law has decided upon according to the Government the right of choosing all mayors and adjoints among persons not belonging to the municipal councils, in spite of the energetic protestations of the Republican minority.

HOLLAND.

In Thursday's sitting of the Second Chamber the Minister of the Colonies stated that he had received a telegram from Lieutenant-General van Swieten, dated Penang, Dec. 17, 6.45 p.m., announcing that the fortress of Cottaperak, in the Lower Moesapi district, had been captured by the Dutch troops, with a loss of six killed and thirty-eight wounded. The enemy left eighty-five dead on the field. General van Swieten's telegram added that he was advancing up the Acheen river. A previous telegram had announced the capture of Moesapi fortresses.

In consequence of the recent vote of the Second Chamber rejecting the Navy Estimates, the Minister of Marine has tendered his resignation, which has been accepted by the King. The Colonial Minister has been intrusted *ad interim* with the direction of the vacant Ministry.

GERMANY.

The Queen Dowager of Prussia, widow of the late King Frederick William IV., died at midnight on Sunday last, in her seventy-third year.

Herr Lasker's motion for extending the legislative jurisdiction of the Empire to all matters of civil law, thereby superseding the civil jurisdiction of the separate States, has been adopted by the Federal Council of Germany.

In the Prussian Diet, on Wednesday, Dr. Falk introduced the Civil Marriage Bill. He vindicated the compulsory principle in it as being necessary to place the relations of Church and State on a proper footing. He spoke of the investiture of clergymen with civil offices as a practical matter to which the Government attached the highest value. The bill passed the first reading. Prince Bismarck excited a burst of enthusiasm among his supporters in the Diet by declaring, in answer to taunts about his change of opinion respecting civil marriage, that he is no longer a member of a party, but a Minister of the Crown, subordinating his personal views to the policy of the State. The Lower House has passed a resolution excluding the North Schleswig deputies, Herren Ahlmann and Kryger, from participating in the business of the House until they shall have taken the oaths to the Constitution. A motion brought forward calling on the Government to return to its former principles of dealing with the Roman Catholic Church was opposed by the Government, and rejected by 288 votes to 95.

A very important step has been taken by the Bavarian Government. The decision of King Maximilian II., according to which the Bavarian Constitution had always to give way to the Concordat with the Papal See whenever their respective provisions happened to clash, has been abrogated.

The Old Catholic Bishop Reinkens, so severely condemned in the last encyclical letter of Pope Pius IX., has replied to his Holiness in a pastoral condemnatory of the encyclical letter. The Bishop of Paderborn, one of the most resolute opponents of Prince Bismarck's ecclesiastical policy, has received notice of the stoppage of his salary. The Tribunal of Breslau has condemned Dr. Förster, Prince Bishop of that diocese, to a fine of 11,600 thalers, or two years' imprisonment, *in contumaciam*, for appointing clergymen in violation of the new ecclesiastical laws.

AMERICA.

The House of Representatives at Washington has decided, before acceding to a demand of the Treasury for an increase in taxation to the extent of about eight millions sterling, to require a statement from the Administration as to what economies can be effected in the expenditure. The House has passed a bill repealing the bankrupt law.

The *Times* correspondent at Philadelphia reports that Pennsylvania has voted in favour of the adoption of the proposed new Constitution by over 150,000 majority. The Constitution was framed to deprive of power a ring of politicians controlling the State.

A Reuter's telegram from New York announces the death of Professor Agassiz. He was born in 1807, and received his early education at the Gymnasium of Bienne and the Academy of Lausanne. He afterwards studied medicine and the experimental sciences at Zurich, Heidelberg, and Munich. His works on natural history and his "Studies of Glaciers" gave him a European reputation. M. Agassiz left Europe for America in 1846, and in 1847 was appointed Professor of Zoology and Geology in the Scientific School at Cambridge, Massachusetts, which post he retained till his death. Subsequently he explored every portion of the Atlantic and Gulf coasts, the valley of the Mississippi, and the great plains at the base of the Rocky Mountains. He also accompanied an exploring expedition to Brazil, and superintended an investigation of the deep-sea bottom of the Gulf Stream.

Little ceremony was observed in delivering the Virginus to

the United States at Bahia-Honda. She was surrendered by the Spanish sloop *Favorita*. The surviving prisoners from the *Virginus* were delivered up at Santiago.

CANADA.

The election of a member of the House of Commons for the western division of Toronto has resulted in the return, by a large majority, of a supporter of the new Government, in place of a partisan of the late Cabinet.

INDIA.

According to a telegram from Calcutta, dated Sunday, the results of the harvest are, generally speaking, slightly better than was anticipated; but the prospects in the distressed districts are still exceedingly gloomy. The Government is steadily storing grain.

A telegram from the Viceroy of India, dated Calcutta, Dec. 15, announces that the future prospects of the crops will greatly depend on the Christmas rains. Measures have been taken to store grain in selected places. No relief works are yet considered necessary; but they can be started whenever required. Large supplies of grain are available in the north-west and the Punjab.

The welcome news is telegraphed by the *Times* correspondent at Calcutta that heavy rain fell for three hours in Bengal on the 11th inst.

The same correspondent telegraphs as follows on Wednesday:—"The Viceroy, after visiting the Soane Works, has addressed to Sir G. Campbell a very warm eulogy for the excellence of his relief arrangements and appointment of officers. In Behar and Rajshaye prospects are unchanged since Sir G. Campbell's excellent circular of Nov. 17, except that more land is under spring crops and the sowings are satisfactory. The present condition of the country is the same as in December, 1865. For the future we must await the Christmas rain. The Shahabad zemindars are asking for advances. The planters are rendering great assistance. The Viceroy has under consideration a law providing that landlords should stand security for the repayment of State advances to cultivators. Private trade from the west is active. All officers are convinced that the Government orders and precautions are adequate."

Mr. Marcus Hayman, passenger by the *African*, recently arrived, brings the largest diamond found in South Africa.

A cotton-ship from New Orleans took fire while unloading at Havre, and a portion of her cargo was destroyed.

Poncho Aquilero is said to have been elected President by the Cuban insurgents.

The ex-Grand Vizier of Persia has been appointed by the Shah Minister of Foreign Affairs.

A concession for the construction and working of a tramway between the Ural and Samara has been granted by the Russian Government, but without guarantee.

The *Gazette* contains an order in council, embracing new rules and regulations for the government of Consular Courts in Turkey and Egypt.

Natal is threatened with a Kaffir war, arising out of the refusal of a chief to register his arms. A party of carabiniers sent out to compel him fell into an ambush, and three of them were killed. The chief, Langalibalele, escaped.

At a sitting of the International Tonnage Commission, held at Constantinople, last Saturday, the scale of tolls to be paid by ships passing through the Suez Canal was agreed to by all the members, including the French delegates.

The Swiss Federal Assembly has elected Dr. Schenck, of Berne, President of the Confederation for 1874; and M. Welter, of Zurich, Vice-President.—At Berne the recent encyclical has met with a sharp response, the Federal Council having decided to hand the Papal Nuncio his passports.

Mr. Henry Vizetelly, our correspondent at Vienna during the recent Exhibition, has received, through Baron Schwarzenberg, the cross of the Order of Franz-Josef, conferred upon him by the Emperor. Mr. Daniel Tallerman and Mr. James Green have also received the cross.

A stately residence, rich in every princely luxury, as well as in architectural beauty, constructed in the style of Versailles, is shortly to rise on the banks of the romantic Chien Lake, in Bavaria. King Lewis has determined to realise what has been a secret wish of his for many years. Several of the leading German masters of architecture have been intrusted with the preparation of the designs, from which the King will select the most pleasing.

Out of a crew of three-and-twenty on board the steamer *Becklow*, of Newcastle, which foundered off the small island of Oliveira, near Port Lago, only one man has been saved. Before the vessel left the Thames five of the hands deserted, and their places had to be hurriedly filled at Gravesend.—From Adelaide we have news of the wreck of the *Iron King*, a vessel which left London, with emigrants, on the Aug. 25 for South Australia. All the emigrants were saved.—A vessel from Jamaica has arrived at Gravesend with a portion of the crew of the *Arabia*, which foundered on the voyage from Calcutta to Boston. It reports a considerable loss of life, including the captain of the *Arabia*.

VIOLENT GALE.

A terrific gale passed over the northern part of this island on Tuesday morning, with great damage to property and deplorable loss of life. Sheffield was the chief sufferer, but at Barnsley, Darlington, Dewsbury, Halifax, the Hartlepoons, Leeds, Shields, Whitby, Berwick, Aberdeen, Dundee, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Kirkcaldy, Perth, and down to the north midland counties, the gale was destructive.

At Sheffield it is reported that there is hardly a street which is not strewn with rubbish; and it is believed that there have been at least eight or ten fatal accidents, and the number of persons who have been hurt is proportionately large. In Trippet-lane an engine-chimney, 120 ft. high, fell across eight cutlers' workshops, owned by Messrs. Reynolds and Son, contractors, and buried the occupants in the rooms, which had been sublet to working cutlers, and which contained thirty persons at the time of the accident. Of these six were killed and fourteen injured. At the Norfolk Works, belonging to Messrs. Thomas Firth and Sons, a chimney, 120 ft. in height, was blown across a hammer-shop and other buildings, reducing portions of them to mere heaps of rubbish. There were between thirty and forty men in the works, but, fortunately, most of them saw the chimney rocking and rushed out before it fell. Three men were injured, one of them, it is feared, fatally. A large foundry, which has only recently been erected, at Attercliffe suffered very severely. The roof of an immense shop was carried almost bodily away, and immediately afterwards the side walls fell in. All the workmen contrived to make their escape with the exception of two—Mark Rolley, a fitter, and John Bradbury, a blacksmith. These were buried beneath the ruins. As soon as their bodies could be recovered

they were taken to the infirmary, where it was found that Rolley was dead. Bradbury's injuries are most serious, and it is expected they will terminate fatally. At half-past nine, at Messrs. W. Guest and Son's button manufactory, Neptune Works, Watery-lane, the engine-chimney fell, cutting the factory (a three-story building) in two parts, but the inmates escaped injury. These are only specimens of a vast number of similar catastrophes.

From a number of reports from other northern towns we find that at Barnsley some of the ornamental stonework of St. George's Church was blown away, and the chimneys of a large house opposite were knocked down. At the recently-erected Methodist new chapel a handsome stained window was destroyed. Two churches at Batley were injured, and a lady died from fright. At Leeds the belfry of St. Joseph's Church went through the roof and damaged the organ. The Church Institute was also greatly damaged.

METROPOLITAN NEWS.

The Bank of England directors, on Thursday week, reduced the rate of discount from 5 to 4½ per cent.

The *Builder* states that Messrs. Bull and Son will begin the erection of the New Law Courts in January next.

It is announced by the International Exhibition Commissioners that over a hundred stoves have been sent in to compete for the Society of Arts prizes.

Alderman Sir Benjamin Phillips was elected president of the Society of Hebrew Literature, at a general meeting of its members held on Tuesday night.

The great rhinoceros, which had been for twenty-four years a conspicuous object in the elephant-house at the Zoological Gardens, is dead. The skeleton and skin are to be preserved.

The Society of Engineers held their annual dinner at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Wednesday, when there was a large muster of members. Mr. Jabez Church, the president, in proposing the toast of the evening, alluded to the Channel tunnel as the latest exploit contemplated by engineering science.

A conference of chairmen and vice-chairmen of boards of guardians was opened, on Tuesday, at the rooms of the Social Science Association, in the Adelphi, for the discussion of subjects connected with the administration of poor-law relief. Mr. S. S. Dickinson, M.P., presided.

A testimonial, consisting of a silver coffee-pot and 100 gs., was presented, on Wednesday night, in the Inner Temple Hall, on behalf of members and tenants of the inn, to Mr. William Hurlstone, late rollkeeper and collector, and for sixty years an employé of that society. Mr. Serjeant Ballantine presided.

Whilst the Countess of Donoughmore was attending, at St. George's Church, last week, the marriage of Mr. M. White Ridley, and during the dinner hour of the servants, the town residence of the family, in South Audley-street, was entered, and jewellery to the value of £3000 was stolen.

A sample of South American meat, preserved under a new process at Buenos Ayres, was shown, on Monday, by Messrs. Culverwell and Co., of St. Mary-axe. It was in a raw state, and, except in having a higher colour, did not differ in appearance from ordinary fresh meat.

A conference was held, yesterday week, in the hall of the Society of Arts, on the threatened famine in Bengal—Lord Napier and Ettrick presiding. Among those who took part in the proceedings were Sir Bartle Frere, Admiral Ommanney, Mr. W. S. Fitzwilliam, and Sir Charles Trevelyan.

Presiding at the second anniversary of the London Morayshire Club, Viscount Macduff incidentally congratulated his friends on the high position which Scotland maintains in educational matters; and said that many a Scottish lad of very lowly origin had been enabled to win his way by the instruction he had received in his parish school.

The construction of the Southall, Ealing, and Shepherd's Bush Tramways Company's line from Shepherd's Bush to Southall was begun on Monday at the former place, whence it will be carried on to the latter, where it will join the line of the London and Counties Tramways Company, which terminates in the town of Uxbridge.

The London School Board met on Wednesday—Mr. C. Reed, M.P., in the chair. A discussion arose respecting the constitution of the statistical committee, many speakers urging that there was a preponderance of former members upon it. Ultimately, however, the list as originally proposed was agreed to. The board stands adjourned to Wednesday, Jan. 7.

The committee of the London Association for Providing Dinners for the Aged, Sick, and Destitute Poor of London, in their third annual report, state that the increased support which the association received last year enabled them to extend their aid to thirteen parishes. In the three years, 1210, 1600, and 2760 persons have received a good substantial meal, about 450 of the last-mentioned cases being those of sick persons.

The *Jewish Chronicle* reports that a numerously-attended meeting of the committee for promoting a memorial scholarship to the lamented Numa Hartog has been held at Sir B. S. Phillips's residence, in Portman-square. It was agreed that the endowment (for which about £415 had been collected) should be handed to the London School Board, subject to conditions which would effectually ensure the scholarship being open to boys of all creeds.

It appears from the weekly return of metropolitan pauperism that the total number of paupers last week was 104,340, of whom 36,234 were in workhouses and 68,106 received outdoor relief. These figures show a decrease compared with the corresponding week of 1872 and 1871 of 4569 and 18,751 respectively, but compared with 1870 there is a decrease of no less than 38,537. The number of vagrants relieved on the last day of the week was 634, of whom 472 were men, 133 women, and 29 children under sixteen.

The council of the Society of Arts has given notice of its intention to provide a short course of lectures suitable for a juvenile auditory during the Christmas holidays. For this purpose arrangements have been made with Mr. Frank Buckland, M.A., her Majesty's Inspector of Salmon Fisheries, to deliver two lectures "On the Structure and Habits of Beasts, Birds, and Fishes, as showing Beauty and Design," on Friday, Jan. 2, and Friday, Jan. 9, at eight p.m. The lectures will be illustrated by specimens.

A general meeting of members of the Royal Institute of British Architects was held on Monday. The proceedings opened with the formal presentation of a bust of the late Sir Charles Barry, R.A., executed in marble by J. H. Foley, R.A., and the gift of Mr. J. L. Wolfe, an old and intimate friend of Sir Charles. A paper was then read by Mr. R. Phené Spiers, "On the Château of Pierrefonds," and its restoration by M. Viollet-le-Duc, the well-known French architect and antiquary. The paper was followed by a brisk discussion.

The annual distribution of prizes to the successful students at the examinations of the Society of Arts, the Science and Art Department, and the City of London College, took place, last week, in the large theatre of the Polytechnic—the Earl of Shaftesbury presiding.

Her Majesty has sent to the Guildhall Library a copy of the book describing the national monument erected to the memory of the Prince Consort, and has accompanied the gift with a letter expressing her grateful remembrance of the action taken by the City with regard to this tribute of the English people.

The recent encyclical letter of the Pope "upon the present persecution of the Catholic Church" was, on Sunday, read, either partly or in extenso, at high mass in all the Roman Catholic churches in London, by the order of Archbishop Manning. By desire of the Archbishop the "faithful" were at the same time formally warned, in their several congregations, that those who dispute or deny the definition of the Infallibility of the Roman Pontiff or impugn the decrees and dogmatical constitutions of the late Vatican Council, incur the penalties attaching to the sin of heresy, and are in danger of being excommunicated from the unity of the Church and from the fold of Christ.

Mr. J. A. Smith, manager of the London and County Bank, Newington-butts, acknowledges a contribution of £1000 to the Orphans' Home, West-square. He desires, through the *Times*, to ask the anonymous donor to inform him whether he or she wishes any of the amount to be used towards the erection of the permanent home, for which a sum of £5000 is needed.—Messrs. Williams, Deacon, and Co. have received £1000 for the Shipwrecked Mariners' Society, Hibernia-chambers, from "H. D. Y."—The Marquis and Marchioness of Westminster have subscribed 100 gs. in aid of the establishment of the National Training School for Cookery.—Lord Overstone has sent £100 to the council of the Charity Organisation Society.

A deputation from the Birmingham Licensed Victuallers' League and the London Protection Society had an interview with Mr. Lowe last Saturday, in which they asked that the hours of closing public-houses might be taken out of the hands of the magistrates and fixed by Parliament, and that uniform hours should be decided on for the whole country, suggesting from 5 a.m. till 12 p.m. on week days, and from 12 a.m. till 1.30 p.m., and from 6 p.m. until 11 p.m. on Sundays, should be the periods during which public-houses may be legitimately opened. Mr. Lowe, in reply, said that he did not think the question could be taken up next Session, and that his views were not in accordance with those of the deputation; while, at the same time, he expressed a decided opinion that people could not be made sober by Act of Parliament.

At a meeting of the Chemical Society recently held—Dr. Frankland, F.R.S., vice-president, in the chair—a paper, entitled "Mineralogical Notices," by Professor Story-Maskelyne and Dr. W. Flight, was read by the former, treating of the composition of caledonite and lanarkite. Mr. John Williams then exhibited some fine specimens of crystallised phosphorous acid and metallic phosphites, and gave a short account of their reactions. After which Professor Church made a communication to the society on the composition of the mineral autunite. Professor Lawrence Smith, of the United States, while describing a modification of the Bunsen gas-burner employed by him for heating the crucible in determinations of the alkalis in silicious minerals, gave a short sketch of the process he had devised for that purpose. In the course of the evening a gas-burner by Mr. Fletcher, of Warrington, was exhibited.

A paper by Sir Rowland Hill on the high price of coal was read at a meeting of the Statistical Society. To check the great waste in consumption of coal the imposition of a tax was recommended. A tax of 1s. per ton would produce six millions sterling—a sum more than sufficient for the total abolition of the income tax; and by increasing the impost a sum could be obtained large enough to justify the remission of all taxes, save those on tobacco, spirits, wine, and malt liquor. In the discussion which followed Mr. Dudley Baxter said that on an article of such prime necessity as coal the imposition of a duty would not fail to produce great discontent. A general rise in prices of almost every manufactured article would be the immediate result, and a great diminution of trade would follow. Sir James Anderson, Professor Leone Levi, and other speakers expressed similar views, and the proposition did not meet with the approval of the meeting generally.

A discovery in natural science was made known at the Royal Society on Thursday week. The chief paper was by Mr. Wm. Crookes, F.R.S. He suspended an exceedingly light lever arm of glass, about 1½ inch long, to the end of a fibre of spun glass about 8 in. long, inside a glass tube. To each end of the lever arm a disc of pith, rather smaller than a three-penny piece, was fixed. As soon as the tube was full of air, the warmth of a finger outside the tube almost instantly repelled the lever arm. When there was a vacuum of thirty millimetres, which is easily produced by a common air-pump, external heat would not move the arm. On the very perfect vacuum produced by a Sprengel pump being tried, the lever arm was repelled by the warmth from the finger. Light also attracts or deflects the lever arm under like conditions. From the days of Sir Isaac Newton it has been believed that light could not produce the mechanical motion of a lever arm in a vacuum; and this idea, based upon imperfect experiments, has been largely used by philosophers as an argument against the emission theory of light, supported by Newton. It is not really, however, the fact that the new experiments overthrow the wave theory of light, on which all the calculations as to the approach and recession of the fixed stars in relation to the solar system are based; the opposition is only apparent.

The Registrar-General's return shows that the deaths in London last week were 1759, which was 60 above the average number. The annual death-rate from all causes, which in the two previous weeks had been equal to 25 and 23 per 1000, rose last week to 27. The deaths of persons under twenty years of age were fewer than in the previous week; whereas the increase in the deaths of persons aged between twenty and sixty years was equal to 45 per cent, and at sixty years and upwards to 38 per cent. The deaths referred to diseases of the respiratory organs and phthisis, which in the five preceding weeks had steadily declined from 761 to 520, rose again last week, under the influence of the low temperature and fog, to 764, exceeding the average number by 158. The 764 last week included 364 from bronchitis, 201 from phthisis, 102 from pneumonia, 40 from asthma, and 57 from other diseases of the lungs. Compared with the numbers returned in the previous week, the largest proportional increase was shown in the fatal cases of asthma and congestion of the lungs. The deaths of a wood-engraver, aged eighty-nine years, in Islington, and of two twin infants, aged six weeks, in Whitechapel, were certified to be directly due to the fog. There were 4 deaths from smallpox, 133 from measles, 22 from scarlet fever, 8 from diphtheria, 42 from whooping-cough, 30 from different forms of fever, and 9 from diarrhoea; thus to the seven principal diseases of the zymotic class 248 deaths referred, against 232 and 237 in the two pre-

ceding weeks. Of the 30 deaths referred to fever, 3 were certified as typhus, 25 as enteric or typhoid, and two as simple continued fever. The 133 fatal cases of measles exceeded the number returned in any week since the commencement of the present epidemic, and were 91 above the average. Ten deaths from drowning were registered, but only 2 from accidents caused by horses or vehicles in the streets. The mean temperature was 33°·6, or 7°·5 below the average.

SCENE AT THE SAILORS' HOME.

In that most useful institution, the Sailors' Home, Wells-street, near the London Docks, which was established so long ago as 1830, 11,000 men belonging to the merchant-vessels that visit this port were last year provided with comfortable lodging and wholesome food. They pay for their board at a moderate but sufficient price, to the amount of nearly £10,000 a year collectively, leaving about £1000 to be provided by subscribers for the charges of this benevolent establishment. The model has been imitated, if not improved, by similar institutions in most of our great seaport towns. The seamen discharged from a vessel on her arrival in port have the opportunity here of passing, without too much waste of their hard-earned wages, the time which may intervene before they are taken on board another ship for a different voyage. Amusements of a healthy kind, and suitable arrangements for studying useful knowledge, are placed within the reach of those who choose to profit by them. Some will play at a harmless game, while others read the newspaper, the Bible, or some entertaining book; others, again, will write long letters to their friends; some will talk endless yarns of their adventures in distant parts of the world. Now and then, as we see in the Illustration, an expert dancer is invited to please his comrades by the exhibition of a "sailor's hornpipe." They smoke at their ease, admiring his nimble performance, which goes on to a merry tune from the harp-strings of the attendant minstrel; or, if the minstrel be a fiddler, he will do just as well.

The election for Huntingdon took place on Wednesday, when Sir John Karslake polled 499 votes, against 341 given for Mr. Arthur Arnold, thus showing a majority of 158 for the Conservative candidate.

Lady M'Clure, widow of Vice-Admiral Sir R. M'Clure, discoverer of the North-West Passage, has, on the recommendation of the Prime Minister, received from her Majesty the grant of a pension of £100 per annum from the Civil List.

The ladies' council of the Yorkshire Board of Education called a public meeting at Leeds, yesterday week, with the purpose of considering the desirability of founding a school of cookery. The Mayor presided; and, after resolutions in favour of the scheme had been passed, a committee was appointed.

Five persons have suffered injury through the incautious investigation by a shop porter, at Plymouth, into an escape of gas. He lighted a match close to the leak, when an explosion took place, knocking out the front of the room and burning all the goods in the place.

In replying to a deputation from the Legal Education Association, the Lord Chancellor announced that he was about to prepare a draught bill, in which he would not confine himself to carrying out the special objects of the association, but would also incorporate such changes in the constitution of the Inns of Court as had been recommended by the Royal Commission. The draught when prepared will be submitted to the Inns of Court and the various legal societies in the metropolis.

The colonelcy of the 55th Regiment is vacant by the death of General Sir Patrick Edmonstone Craigie, K.C.B., aged eighty. The deceased General entered the Army in 1813, was appointed Colonel of the 31st Foot in 1859, and transferred to the 55th Foot in June, 1862.—The colonelcy of the 107th Regiment has become vacant by the death of Lieutenant-General William James D'Urban, which took place at Newport House, near Exeter, on the 5th inst., at the age of seventy years. The deceased officer was the son of the late Sir Benjamin D'Urban, G.C.B., a distinguished Peninsula veteran. He had held the colonelcy of the 107th since August, 1863.

The *Nonconformist* publishes some statistics as to religious accommodation in the towns of England and Wales. It appears from them that in 125 cities and boroughs, with an aggregate population of a little over 6,500,000, the accommodation supplied by the principal religious bodies is as follows:—Church of England, 1,204,877 sittings; Wesleyans, 376,738; Congregationalists, 349,459; Baptists, 251,691; Primitive Methodists, 150,015; Roman Catholics, 147,145; United Methodists, 122,444; Presbyterians, 82,641; New Connexion Methodists, 77,558; Unitarians, 42,549; Society of Friends, 32,401; Calvinistic Methodists, 30,810; Plymouth Brethren, 22,460; Bible Christians, 10,183.

At the last meeting of the Philological Society a paper on Etruscan numerals was read by the Rev. Isaac Taylor. He stated that the long-sought key to the Etruscan language had been discovered. Two dice had been found in a tomb, having their six faces marked with words, instead of by pips. Mr. Taylor examined these six words in detail, and showed that they were identical with the first six digits belonging to the Altaic branch of the Turanian family of speech. Guided by this clue, it was easy to show that the grammar and vocabulary of the 3000 Etruscan inscriptions were also Altaic. The words denoting kindred, the pronouns, the particles, and the declensions corresponded closely with those of the Tatar tribes of Siberia. The Etruscan mythology proved to be essentially the same as that of the Kalevala, the great Finnic epic.

The Incorporated Society for Promoting the Enlargement, Building, and Repairing of Churches and Chapels held its usual monthly meeting on Monday—the Earl of Romney in the chair. Grants of money were made in aid of the following objects—viz., building new churches at Blackwood, in the parish of Bedwelty, near Cardiff; Darlington, St. James's; and Martin in the parish of Timberland, near Sleaford; rebuilding the church at Colaton Raleigh, near Ottery St. Mary's; enlarging or otherwise increasing the accommodation in the churches at Affpuddle, near Dorchester; Budbrooke, near Warwick; Caversfield, near Bicester; Hibaldstow, near Brigg; Llanfairisgaer, near Carnarvon; and Llanlulan, near Shrewsbury. Under urgent circumstances the grants formerly made towards reseating and restoring the churches at Llandyssul, Cardigan; Mothvey, near Llandovery; and Sandwich, St. Mary's, were each increased. Grants were also made from the School Church and Mission House Fund towards building school or mission churches at Camberwell; St. Luke's, Surrey; Gillington, St. Philip's, in the parish of Bradford; Llandaff-yard and Bermondsey, St. Saviour's, Surrey. In the multitude of other claims it is a matter of regret that the Incorporated Church Building Society should be overlooked, and it is earnestly hoped that attention may be directed, and that successfully, to the numerous appeals soon likely to be made to the committee for aid and the recent very marked scarcity of donations to its funds.



AFTER DINNER AT THE SAILORS' HOME.



"MOVING ON:" A SKETCH IN ST. JAMES'S PARK. DRAWN BY L. WAGNER.

The Extra Supplement.

"THE LOST TRACK."

In this picture, which was painted by Mr. Heywood Hardy for Messrs. T. Agnew and Sons, the eminent fine-arts publishers of Manchester, the romantic novelist might find suggested for good material of the story-telling trade a situation not devoid of interest. Here is a lady, young and beautiful—at least, young and pretty—travelling alone in a well-appointed carriage, with her trunks duly packed on the roof, and probably seeking to arrive by the appointed hour at the door of a country house, where she is to be welcomed by a family party of her affectionate friends. It is a lonely and rather dreary region at this winter season, with its leafless willows on the banks of the deep and torpid stream, the dusky mass of woodland beyond the marsh on its farther side, and not a house to be seen for miles. The road should lie across this cheerless plain, but it is marked by no sheltering and guiding double line of hedgerows; and the ground is covered six inches deep with snow, in which the feet of the tired pair of horses sink up to their fetlocks. The coachman is a stranger to this part of the country, and he now confesses that he has lost his way, as the lady puts out her charming little head from the side window, to ask if he is quite sure of the road. Now if you or we, gallant young gentleman reader, happened to be riding by, mounted on our noble steed, at this very interesting moment, you or we being an eligible hero, from twenty-one to thirty years of age, the heir to a baronetcy and £10,000 a year, with a grand ancestral mansion in the neighbourhood, and a mother, sister, aunt, or other proper female housekeeper there—what a chance there would be for you or for us! "How unfortunate! but yet how fortunate that I meet you! Indeed, you cannot hope to reach Appleton Hall to-night; it is seven miles distant, and your horses are quite used up. I beg you will come to our place, just half a mile beyond that copse. My aunt, Lady Barton, will be delighted to make you comfortable for the night. I will send one of our people at once to tell Sir George Appleton that you are with us, and you can be there as early as you please to-morrow morning. No, really I cannot excuse you from coming; it will be the greatest pleasure we ever had in our dull old place. We shall find out, presently, that we know all each other's friends in town, and that we ought to have met before." Such might be the tone of our brisk address to the perplexed young lady of this picture, and who knows what might be the end of the story?

ST. JAMES'S PARK AT NIGHT.

As we sit by the warm fireside or at the plentiful table, in the evening of one of these days about Christmas-time, we do not much like to think of anybody wanting to stay all night upon a damp bench under the dripping boughs of the trees, now bared of their foliage, in St. James's Park. Yet there are such desolate and destitute persons loitering there, within a bowshot of the Queen's palace, and it is the duty of a policeman to bid them "move on;" for serious dangers to the peace and safety of her Majesty's liege subjects might be feared if people of every vagrant class were allowed to lurk in any numbers among the Westminster groves, and to remain long after dark. Such accommodation would be most convenient for the amiable pursuits of the garrotter, the burglar, and the treacherous companions, male or female, who might beset the homeward path of a careless reveller to decoy and rob, perhaps even to kill, the unwary prey they would accost with civil or seducing talk. In the good old days of the last century these practices were frequent in such places of Old London, and we have known them sometimes to be reported in the morning newspapers of our own generation. To prevent the manifold risks of evil, therefore, from the nocturnal congregation of vicious and criminal loungers in the parks, it is needful that all should be turned out and that the gates should be closed at nightfall. Some of these reluctant exiles from the inclosed public garden, which is certainly not a Garden of Eden on a foggy evening in December, might no doubt appeal to compassion by pleading that, if the world is all before them, they know not where to choose their place of rest. The casual wards of the several workhouses, indeed, are open for them till a certain hour; and the lock-up cells of the police stations, when one has qualified oneself for admission there by committing a slight offence, will be available at any time of the night. But the regular British vagrant would rather lie on the grass, soaked by the rain, than submit to the strict order of workhouse or prison.

The Liberals of Exeter have decided to present Sir Edward Watkin with a testimonial, in appreciation of the spirited manner in which he fought their battle at the late election.

The number of emigrants who left Ireland during the quarter ending Sept. 13 last was 19,432, being 2963 more than the number for the corresponding period of last year.

The managers of the Edinburgh Infirmary, on Monday, resolved, by a majority of eight to six, to refuse admittance to lady medical students at the same time as male students to the operating-theatre in the infirmary.

The officers of the Warwickshire Yeomanry Cavalry last week gave a ball at the Shirehall, which was attended by about 400 guests, including many of the nobility and the élite of the county. The Earl of Warwick is colonel of the regiment.

The Marquis of Westminster addressed a meeting, on Tuesday, in aid of the Liverpool scholars at the Normal College for the Blind—the Mayor of Liverpool presiding. Four hundred pounds were subscribed at the close of the meeting.

At a meeting of the Town Council of Edinburgh, on Tuesday, a report was submitted from the Lord Provost's committee recommending the magistrates to confer the freedom of the city on Lady Burdett-Coutts. The recommendation was unanimously agreed to.

Two workmen were killed by the fall, on Wednesday, of a railway bridge in course of construction over a canal, near Bath. A third man, who was on the bridge at the time, and found it crumbling beneath his feet, leaped into the canal, and so saved his life.

Professor Owen has discovered in the London clay at Sheppey a new fossil bird with teeth somewhat resembling those in the Australian hooded lizard. He concludes it to have been web-footed and a fish-eater. No evidence of true teeth had previously been known in any bird.

An occurrence of a gratifying character took place on Monday, at Plymouth, when the medal of the Royal Humane Society was presented by the Bishop of Exeter, on behalf of the association, to Miss Reynolds, a young lady who, in August last, saved a young woman from drowning, by swimming out to her assistance. The presentation was made at a public meeting convened by the Mayor, Mr. Alfred Rooker.

LAW AND POLICE.

TRIAL OF THE TICHBORNE CLAIMANT FOR PERJURY.

Luie's identification was completed, on Thursday week, by the medical evidence of Dr. Burns, of the Chatham Convict Prison. The stiffness in the little finger, the moles on the back, and the hernia all corresponded with the prison record. Dr. Kenealy declined to support him further, and he was again committed to prison, and the Solicitor to the Treasury bound over to prosecute him for perjury. Counsel for the defence then continued his speech, dealing chiefly with the relations between Lady Tichborne and the defendant and her family.

Dr. Kenealy's running criticism, yesterday week, on the evidence for the prosecution bore hard on Senor Barra for what he had said to Castro about the defendant. It discovered many grounds of probability for Roger Tichborne having visited Melapilla—his writing home that he was studying Spanish, the way he had talked about his magnificent estates, and so forth. The doctor objected, parenthetically, to the Australian and other maps put in by the prosecution, that they had not been proved. Mr. Justice Lush asked if he meant to convey an imputation against the Queen's geographer, Mr. Wyld. Oh! no; but he thought that a more accurate map was to be preferred to a less accurate one. It was shown, *per contra*, that the prosecution had been very severe on his client's lapses of memory. Mr. Hawkins had laughed at his calling his mother "Mama" and writing "Bart." after his signature; but these peculiarities demonstrated his superiority to coaching. Even the contradictions in his client's own statements strengthened this conclusion in Dr. Kenealy's mind. He could not explain how the defendant had sworn that the Santiago likeness was taken at Southampton; but an impostor, he argued, could not afford to risk committing such an inaccuracy. His knowing the incident of the mule falling over a precipice was strongly inconsistent with imposition. The Lord Chief Justice offered to tell Dr. Kenealy how he meant to instruct the jury on that point—it had been got from Moore. After some discussion about Moore not having been called, Dr. Kenealy pronounced the Lord Chief Justice's theory "a wild speculation." From this there was a digression to the sealed packet, regarding which Dr. Kenealy accused himself of an omission for which he would never be able to forgive himself "as long as he walked this mortal earth." Mr. Hawkins had told the jury that the date of the packet was not in Roger Tichborne's handwriting. On examination his Lordship and the jury both agreed that it was. Dr. Kenealy proceeded to insinuate that Mr. Hawkins had a grave design in casting suspicion on the writing. The Lord Chief Justice observed that Mr. Hawkins had yet to be known either as a rogue or a fool, and if in this case he had been rogue enough to try to mislead the jury he would not have been fool enough to put in the document. A juror suggested another explanation—that Dr. Kenealy might assume they came from Earlswood. The doctor, however, took a sudden flight to Rio, and there drew a Bacchanalian portrait of Roger drunk at two o'clock in the morning, and getting pigeoned out of his money. He complained that the voice of the community was stifled, but he foresaw a time of retribution when these points would be agitated by many active and energetic minds. The Court objected to forestalling such great minds, as it wasted time; and Dr. Kenealy, being entreated to come to the main points himself, showed the importance of establishing that there was an Osprey in Hobson's Bay in 1854, by which Roger Tichborne might have been picked up. The Lord Chief Justice granted that if he proved this he cut away the ground from one of the strong arguments of the prosecution.

On Monday Dr. Kenealy spoke at some length upon what he termed "the Luie episode." He declared that the legal advisers of the defendant never had the slightest suspicion that the man's evidence was untrustworthy, and that his conduct subsequently to the time when he gave his evidence justified them in placing faith in him. The learned counsel explained his own share in the matter, and assured the jury that the extraordinary art, skill, and daring of the man had "deceived him, as it had deceived others." He then addressed himself to the question of the defendant's responsibility, and, while presuming that the production of Luie had undoubtedly done great and vital injury to his cause, pointed out to the jury the reasons for the defendant's belief that the story told by Luie was a genuine one. In the end, Dr. Kenealy assured the jury that if he could for a moment believe that his client had palmed off this witness upon him, knowing his antecedents, he would throw up his brief with scorn, as he had done with the Fenian, Captain Burke, on discovering that he was implicated in the Clerkenwell outrage. A question rose next about Captain Brown's alleged recognition of Luie, which the Lord Chief Justice wondered at, as the Osprey had never been at Rio in 1854. He invited information also on Luie's statement that he was led to believe that the pilot and part of the crew of the Osprey were then in London. Dr. Kenealy promised to look into this point, and concluded for the day with a protest that, if the captain of the Osprey had neglected to report his ship at Melbourne, the defendant ought not to be responsible for it.

Dr. Kenealy was engaged, on Tuesday, in pointing out the omissions of the prosecution, and showing what he thinks to be the absurd consequences of the Orton theory. There was never a case heard of, he said, where the impostor had known so little of his model, or had so little means of acquiring information. There had never, from the time of Perkin Warbeck, been an imposture so long-lived. All the eccentricities of his client became, in Dr. Kenealy's hands, proofs of his bona fides. Towards the close of the sitting the learned counsel digressed into his favourite field of biographical analogy. Lord Carew, Lord Peterborough, Richard Savage, Dean Swift, and other celebrated eccentrics, were portrayed in support of the doctor's argument that ordinary rules were not always to be applied to human nature.

In the course of Wednesday the learned counsel spoke of the amount of gold which he alleged was ready in this case when witnesses were wanting—a remark which elicited a rebuke from the Judges, Mr. Justice Lush observing that, after the experience of the last ten days, he listened with astonishment to these imputations. Dr. Kenealy, during his address, explained why he had not called Orton's sisters in support of his case, and reviewed at considerable length the conduct of the defendant in going to Wapping on the night of his arrival in England, in December, 1866. After luncheon Dr. Kenealy provoked another altercation with the Bench by speaking of the independence of the Bar as being imperilled.

The visit of the defendant to Wapping on Christmas Eve, 1866, formed the staple of Dr. Kenealy's address on Thursday. He said the only true way of looking at it was as the act of a brain which was not right—of a person hardly responsible for what he did. Assuming the defendant was Arthur Orton, it was conducted perfectly inconsistent with that of a cool, calculating villain like a man of that description, who had fabricated an ingenious and wicked fraud; but, on the other hand, assuming he was Roger Tichborne, a wild, headstrong, and foolish man, such conduct, being irrational, was consistent enough. Dr. Kenealy proceeded to argue that the evidence of the Wapping witnesses who had deposed

that the Claimant and Arthur Orton were the same person was highly improbable, if not incredible, and occupied most of the day with disparaging comments on the Wapping witnesses called by the Crown. Dr. Kenealy pointed to the fact that most of the witnesses for the Crown could not say whether the ears of Arthur Orton were pierced or not, and the Lord Chief Justice having expressed a doubt whether a casual observer would notice it, the learned counsel said he could distinctly see the ears of the jurymen so as to say whether they were pierced or not. Whereupon he was asked by a jurymen, "Are the foreman's ears pierced?" and replied "No." Much laughter was caused by the foreman saying, "You are wrong."

Sir R. Phillimore, sitting in Chambers in the Court of Admiralty, has ordered the sum of £7050, which had been realised from the sale of the *Murillo*, to be paid over to the owners of the *Northfleet*, thus terminating the litigation.

The case of "*Rose v. Denton*," which occupied the Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer and a special jury for six days, was brought to a close yesterday week. The plaintiff was Mr. Philip Rose, late a member of the firm of Baxter, Rose, and Norton, and the defendant was Mr. Bailey Denton, the well-known engineer. The jury having consulted a short time, the foreman said:—"We find, my Lord, a verdict for the plaintiff, damages £50; but it must not be supposed that we consider the sum as the measure of the compensation that ought to be awarded to Mr. Rose. We limit the damages to that small sum—to use the language of the Attorney-General—out of pity for an unreasonable man, who imagines that he has been injured, and because we know that Mr. Rose is so wealthy that he is not desirous of obtaining exemplary damages."

Miss Vaile, an actress, brought an action in the Exchequer Court, on Tuesday, against Mr. Herbert Merriman for breach of promise of marriage, and obtained £100 damages.

Damages to the amount of £420 have been recovered, in an action in the Queen's Bench, by Miss Hodson, lessee of the Royalty Theatre, against Mr. Tremaine, an East India merchant, for breach of agreement, he having withdrawn from his undertaking to rent the theatre for twelve weeks at £35 a week.

Three actions to recover compensation for personal injuries were brought against the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company at the Liverpool Assizes on Saturday. A verdict for the plaintiff was given in each case, the compensation allowed being respectively £50, £220, and £2000. The latter sum was awarded to Mr. W. H. Goodair, cotton spinner and manufacturer, of Preston and Manchester, who was injured in a collision which occurred at German's Bridge, near Preston, on April 17 last. Francis Carr, a Liverpool customs boatman, recovered £600 from a shipowner upon whose vessel he had received serious injuries to his head through the negligence of the defendant's servants. Mr. C. C. Ward, who had been engaged in assisting his father in teaching, obtained a verdict for £750 against the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company, on Tuesday, as compensation for serious injuries sustained by him in the collision that occurred at German's Bridge, Preston. Mrs. Phillips, a widow lady, got a verdict against the same company for £1600, for injuries received in a collision that took place near Pendleton in December, 1872. £1500 damages is the latest award given against the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company this Assizes. Mr. James Devas, an auctioneer, of Manchester, had been badly injured in a collision at Pendleton last December.

The December Sessions of the Central Criminal Court were opened on Monday, with forty-two prisoners for trial. In a case in which a boy pleaded guilty to having feloniously set fire to a stack of hay, the Recorder took occasion to condemn the practice of giving a gratuity to the person who brought to the brigade the first information of a fire. The trial of William Parker for the murder of his two children at Wapping was postponed to the January Sessions. John Chas. Asselin, a clerk, who had been committed on a charge of forgery upon Messrs. Roberts and Lubbock, was acquitted, no evidence having been offered against him.—On Tuesday Benoni Leblanc pleaded guilty to having forged the brand and trade-mark of Messrs. Moet and Chandon, the well-known champagne manufacturers, and was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment, with hard labour. Mr. John Hampden, whose wager with Mr. Alfred Russell Wallace respecting the rotundity of the earth will be well remembered, was brought up for not having fulfilled the pledge which he had given—that of keeping the peace towards that gentleman. He was therefore sentenced to two months' imprisonment.—At Wednesday's sitting William Grenett Davis, twenty-three, late an articled clerk to a firm of City solicitors, pleaded guilty to having embezzled about £2500, and was sentenced to eight years' penal servitude. He had stolen and squandered this sum in a single year.—Two labourers named Mason and Lahore were convicted of manslaughter, and each of them was sentenced to five years' penal servitude.—Joseph Minto, described as a merchant, who had pleaded guilty to a charge of unlawfully obtaining goods within four months of his bankruptcy, was ordered to be imprisoned for nine months, without hard labour.

Jean Luie, alias Lundgren, who gave evidence of an extraordinary character in the Tichborne case, was charged at Bow-street, on Saturday, with having committed wilful and corrupt perjury, and also with having neglected—he being a convict at large on license—to report himself as required by the law. The prisoner was remanded. On Tuesday Jean Luie was again brought up at Bow-street. The revocation of his ticket of leave was read over, and he was committed to the convict prison at Pentonville to undergo the remainder of his term of penal servitude. Instructions would in the mean time, it was said, be laid before counsel respecting the charge of perjury against the prisoner in connection with the Tichborne case. When asked by Sir Thomas Henry if he had any statement to make, Luie replied that he was sorry for what had happened. It would not have happened if he had not been encouraged and made up to do what he had done.

At the Middlesex Sessions George Lacey has been sentenced to eight months' hard labour for a cruel fraud. Having been recently in prison, he found that a man named Ford was undergoing a longer sentence, and, on being discharged, he went to this man's wife and induced her to believe that by sending 10s. through him to the Governor she could obtain her husband's release. A romantic story was told at this sessions of a prisoner who had leaped from a train in rapid motion and escaped from the custody of a policeman two years ago. Both men had displayed considerable daring, and the Bench rewarded the officer and decided not to inflict further punishment upon the prisoner.

Mr. Samuel Bennett, of New-cross, was fined forty shillings, at the Mansion House, on Tuesday, for travelling on the South-Eastern Railway in a superior carriage to that for which he had paid the fare.

A salesman lately in the employment of the fruit merchants, Messrs. Draper and Son, Covent-garden, was on

Wednesday committed, at Bow-street, on a charge of fraud. A dealer, named Isaacs, had induced him to falsify entries of sales made to Isaacs, who subsequently allowed him about a fifth share of the plunder. The chief accomplice has absconded.

At Marlborough-street, on Wednesday, a man was convicted of having attempted to obtain a situation as footman by means of a false character, and was fined £20, with the alternative of three months' imprisonment, with hard labour.

A grocer was on Tuesday fined twenty shillings and costs, at Clerkenwell, for selling coffee mixed with chicory.

Eleven persons were summoned at Southwark, on Tuesday, by the London School Board, for neglecting and refusing to send their children to schools provided for them in the district, and fined in small sums.

Constable Kinsey has effected a clever capture of burglars at a warehouse in Noble-street. He found three men at the door of the warehouse, and seized one; shortly afterwards a second was captured in a public-house. When the premises were examined, thirty-two rolls of silk, value £1600, were discovered packed up for removal. The owner had been previously robbed to the extent of £1000.

At Guildhall, on Tuesday, a licensed victualler of Cambridge was convicted of having sent six quarters of unwholesome mutton to the London market for sale as human food. He was fined £20 and three guineas costs. At the same court a costermonger named Oliff was fined 20s. and costs, or fourteen days' imprisonment, for exposing for sale 400 putrid cocoanuts.

Milk-sellers are being diligently looked after in Marylebone, and one of them, who had skimmed his milk besides watering it, had to pay a special penalty of £5, with £2 9s. costs. The Clerkenwell authorities have begun prosecuting, and the first offenders summoned were fined 20s. each.—A large number of "milk" dealers were fined at one of the Dublin police courts, last Saturday, for their efforts to promote water-drinking. There were cases in which the adulteration was stated at 50, 60, 80, and 90 per cent; but one dealer, Anne Wilson, of 91, Lower Mecklenburgh-street, carried off the palm, the adulteration in her case being 100 per cent.

John Edward Foley, with the alias of John Edwards, was convicted at Marylebone, on Monday, on two several charges of neglecting to pay cabmen their fares, and was ordered by Mr. D'Eyncourt to pay 31s. 8d., the amount of the first claim, or, in default, to be imprisoned, with hard labour, for one month, and on the second charge to pay £2 9s. 6d., or suffer, in default, five weeks' imprisonment. An incident of the case was the mistaken arrest of a gentleman named Herring, who generously said that, finding the cabman who had given him in custody bore an excellent character, he should waive his action for false imprisonment.

Property worth between £200 and £300 having been taken from the house of Mr. Arthur Thomson, of Notting-hill, by his cook, Eliza Clayton, and pledged with Mr. Smith, a pawnbroker, of Devonshire-terrace, the woman was brought before Mr. Ingham, at Hammer-smith Police Court. In committing her for trial the magistrate observed that the Judge would decide what should be done with the pawnbroker.

For running down a volunteer corps, by furiously driving, James Darch, a carman, was, on Monday, committed for trial from Worship-street. Damage to the property of the corps will be the subject of a civil action.

James Sinclair, second mate of the steam-ship Osborne, which ran down a fishing-boat off Great Yarmouth in October last, was tried at Edinburgh, on Monday, on a charge of the culpable homicide of ten persons. He was acquitted by a unanimous verdict.

At Winchester Assizes, yesterday week, the grand jury ignored the bill against Captain Fox, of the 100th Regiment, and six men, who were committed by the Portsmouth coroner and magistrates, on the charge of manslaughter, they having assisted at a boxing-match in which a man named James Lynch received injuries from which he died.

The punishment of the lash was inflicted, yesterday week, on a couple of ruffians in Newgate, for robbery and violence. Both men assumed a defiant hardihood, and took their punishment without uttering a single cry or groan.

Under an impression that he had been wronged, a carpenter, named James Redgrave Harris, shot at and injured Mr. William Walter, a solicitor, of Newgate-street. The offender has been committed for trial.—At Liverpool, on Tuesday, Thom as Corrigan was found guilty of the murder of his mother at Liverpool on Nov. 1, under very atrocious circumstances. He was sentenced to death.—Two men were convicted of robbery by garrotting at Liverpool, on Tuesday, and sentenced to ten years' penal servitude and twenty lashes each.—At the close of the inquiry into the Rhyl murder Margaret Thomas was committed for trial as principal and Ann Yates as accessory. Evan Parry was discharged.—Edward Gough, miner, was sentenced to death at Durham, on Saturday, for the murder of James Partington by stabbing. The jury recommended the prisoner to mercy.—William Thompson, a miner, was, on Monday, found guilty at Durham of the wilful murder of his wife, and was sentenced to death.—A sailor who made a ferocious attack on one of the warders in Lewes Gaol, on Tuesday, attempted his own life on Wednesday by hanging himself in his cell. He was cut down while yet living, but just on the point of suffocation.—On Monday afternoon a farm labourer named Vincent, living in the parish of Cotton, went to the house of Mr. Murton, a farmer in the same parish, where his daughter, aged twenty, was employed as a domestic servant, and asked that she should be allowed a few days' holiday at Christmas. Her master refused to allow the girl to be away at night, and shortly afterwards the father returned, went into the back kitchen, cut his daughter's throat, and went away. On Tuesday morning his body was found with a deep gash in the throat in a pond about two hundred yards from Mr. Murton's house. The girl is expected to recover.

Lord Truro presided, yesterday week, at the annual distribution of prizes to the 3rd Middlesex Artillery Volunteers in Westminster Hall. Previous to the ceremony his Lordship addressed the members of the corps. Next day Lady Cranstoun distributed the prizes to the 40th Middlesex Rifle Volunteers at Gray's-Inn Hall. In the evening the Lord Mayor distributed prizes to the Southwark Volunteers (7th Surrey) at the Cannon-street Hotel. The annual distribution of prizes to the Lambeth Volunteers (19th Surrey) was held at the Horns Assembly Rooms, Kennington, on the same evening. Colonel Lane Fox, commanding the 48th Depot Brigade, presiding. The members of the London Scottish corps have resolved to establish a school of arms, in which fencing, the broadsword, the bayonet exercise, and military extension motions will be taught.—On Wednesday the Earl of Derby, who is honorary Col. one of the 1st Lancashire Rifle Volunteers, delivered the prizes to the regiment at St. George's Hall, Liverpool, in the presence of a crowded audience.

ILLUSTRATED NEW BOOKS.

The most important original work of art-illustration published this season is *The Gospel According to St. John*, with Bida's masterly etchings, which are designed with a high degree of imaginative power and representative truth. They consist, with the frontispiece, which shows the Evangelist writing, of twenty-six scenes in the life and ministry of our Saviour, conceived in a spirit of reverent sincerity, and devotion to the main purport of the sacred history, which has a very impressive effect. The style is more like that of Dutch or Flemish art than Italian, but with a noble grace in the principal figures, and a breadth in the landscapes, which suit the moral dignity of this exalted theme. Messrs. Sampson Low, Marston, and Searle are the publishers of the four volumes which will comprise this and the three other Gospel narratives.

The pencil of Mr. Elijah Walton has on former occasions been employed with eminent success in depicting the grandest scenery of Alpine Switzerland and Piedmont, the coast of Norway, and the hallowed or classic sites of Greece, Syria, and Egypt, as well as the flowers of the high mountain region. These water-colour drawings have been reproduced by chromolithography, and published by Mr. W. M. Thompson, of Cockspur-street and the Burlington Gallery. A new volume is now issued, *The Bernese Oberland: Twelve Scenes Among its Peaks and Lakes*. The chromolithographs of this series are rather larger than those of "The Coast of Norway," and nearly twice the size of "Vignettes, Alpine and Eastern." Their subjects are, the Gletscherhorn, from above Interlachen; the town and castle of Thun; the Viescherhorn and the Unter-Grindelwald Glacier; the Jungfrau, from near Interlachen; a sunrise on the Lake of Lucerne; the Schreckhorn, from near Grindelwald; the Staubbach, from Lanterbrunnen; the Mönch, from above the Lake of Thun; the Lake of Lucerne, with Mont Pilatus by moonlight; the Dolderhorn, from near the Lake of Thun; the Wetterhorn, at evening; and the Eiger, from the north-east. The views were taken by Mr. Walton in 1872. Descriptive notices of these glorious places are furnished by the Rev. T. G. Bonney, of St. John's College, Cambridge. The lover of Nature's beauties and sublimities will enjoy this feast of the admiring eye and mind brought home to us from the Alps of Berne.

We find great interest in the series of twenty *Etchings on the Mosel*, by Mr. Ernest George, the architect (Murray, publisher). They are works of genuine taste and high artistic merit, such as appear fully to justify the opinion of Mr. Ruskin, who advised Mr. George to practise this department of art. He had, on a former occasion, produced some pen-and-ink sketches of German towns, repeated by the anastatic process, but he was not quite satisfied with the result. Under the practical instruction of Mr. Oldham Barlow, he therefore applied himself to etching, and with a result which is really deserving of praise. The subjects are taken from Metz, Thionville, Treves, Berncastel, and several other places on the Moselle, ending with the ruins of the Elector's Palace at Coblenz. These scenes are among the most picturesque to be found in that part of Europe.

A series of ideal figures of the chief female characters in the Bible narratives, entitled *Woman in Sacred History*, forms one of the Christmas books newly published (by Sampson Low, Marston, and Searle). It contains fifteen representations, which are chromolithographs, drawn by Jehenne, and printed at Paris, of pictures mostly by modern French artists, Horace Vernet, Landelle, Vernet-Lecomte, Merle, and Boulanger, along with two or three by Koehler of Germany, Portaels of Belgium, and the Italian Batoni, as well as Raphael's Sistine Madonna. Side by side with the last-named personification, which is treated as mythical, the editor has placed one of "Mary, the Mother of Jesus," with a commentary in the tone more congenial to Protestant than to Roman Catholic minds. Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe is the writer of these biographical scripture notices, which are thoughtful, carefully studied, and generally expressive of a right feeling. The subjects of the pictures are Sarah, Hagar, Rebekah, Leah, and Rachel, belonging to the Patriarchal Age; Miriam, Deborah, Delilah, Jephthah's daughter, Hannah, Ruth, the Witch of Endor, Esther, and Judith, of the Jewish National History; and of the Christian History, Mary the Virgin Mother, under two forms or imagined aspects; the Daughter of Herodias, the Woman of Samaria, Mary Magdalene, and the sisters Martha and Mary. They are of unequal merit, but some are very good, and are well reproduced in this volume.

From the renowned artistic workshop of that eminent colour-printer and illuminator, Marcus Ward, of Chandos-street and Belfast, proceed several new publications which deserve our praise. We should first commend his *Practical Treatise on the Art of Illuminating*, a brief account of its processes, rules, and materials, with many beautiful examples, some in chromolithography, which are facsimiles of the ancient originals, and some drawings in outline. They show the styles of illuminating manuscripts, and latterly printed books, at different periods from the sixth century to the present time. The educated eye, with or without any intention of learning to practise this exquisite art, may derive a great deal of refined pleasure from Mr. Ward's book upon the subject. In the other publications bearing his name on their titlepage provision is made for the gratification of young readers. He has for this purpose secured the literary co-operation of a clever lady, Mrs. George Cupples. Her *Katty Lester, a Book for Girls*, is a pleasant and sensible story of life in an English rural home, surrounded by the familiar objects of the country, sheep and cattle, horses and dogs, birds and bees and butterflies, trees, grass, corn, and wild flowers, not to speak of the red deer of Exmoor. The chromolithographs and other pictures are designed by Mr. Harrison Weir. In *The Children's Voyage; or, a Trip with the Water Fairy*, Mrs. Cupples has not, as one might fancy from the title, carried her little friends away into the realms of the supernatural, but has taken them for a safe and pleasant voyage in their papa's sailing-yacht from the Thames to the port of Edinburgh. The artist who has in this instance made drawings for the chromolithographer is Mr. Edward Duncan, an esteemed member of the Society of Painters in Water Colours. Another nice juvenile gift-book is *The Little Flower-Seekers*, by Rosa Mulholland, with a dozen coloured pictures of flowers. There may, perhaps, be some difference of opinion concerning *Picture Stories from the Japanese*. The drawings, in the Far Eastern style, and we are told, "by native talent," are extremely grotesque. The colouring is brilliant as the eye can endure. But it is worth while to consider what may be the unsuspected influence, upon a child's æsthetic sensibility, of dwelling on these splendid monstrosities. If the child is hereafter to obtain a true and refined perception of beauty, and especially of harmony, its education ought not to be commenced with such pictures as we find here. Yet they are clever and very laughable. They are scenes of the old Arabian tales—of Aladdin, Abon Hassan, Ali Baba, and Sindbad, each of which is related in sprightly verse, but rather too lengthy for children. Mr. Marcus Ward is also the publisher of *The Garland of the Year*—a very elegant little volume, containing twelve chromolithographs of flowers, one for each month, upon a ground of gold, with a verse of suitable poetry, inscribed in illuminated

text, on the same ground. The designs are by Mr. F. Edward Hulme. With each month's floral emblem the editor has connected a brief notice of the month's natural and social history, and a few passages selected from the best English poets. This will do for a gift to a grown-up young lady; but among the best of Mr. Ward's publications for children we are especially pleased with *Tom, the Story of a Very Little Boy*. Its author, Mr. H. Rutherford Russell, has entered with the insight of true sympathy into the mind of a child, and has produced a lively image of its condition. This little book is almost as good, in its way, as Mr. Carroll's "Alice in Wonderland," though it has less of humorous fancy. Parents and lovers of childhood will like it as much as the childish reader is sure to do.

French child-stories, as on some former occasions, have now again been adapted to the demands of English nursery literature, and gracefully illustrated by the designs of Mr. Lorenz Fröhlich. They are, in this instance, those of a brother and sister, who appear here under the names of *Davie and Dot*; and a series of moral examples, or anecdotes, entitled *Good Little Children*, from the French of P. J. Stahl. The publishers are Messrs. Seeley and Co., who have also produced *The Life of a Bear*, a very amusing narrative, with an abundance of clever woodcuts.

MAKING THE CHRISTMAS PLUM-PUDDING IN CHINA.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

The spirit of the present age takes a large number of our young men to India, China, Australia, the backwoods of America, and various other places all over the earth, where they will find that most of their requirements will be of little or no use to them. While the standard of literary education is being raised, the knowledge of common things should not be forgotten. The old story of the philosopher and the ferryman teaches a good lesson on this head. A philosopher, crossing the river, was talking with the ferryman, and he chanced to ask if he had ever studied philosophy, and the ferryman answered, "No." "Ah," said the philosopher, "then one half of your life has been lost to you." He then asked the ferryman if he had ever studied logic; and the reply was again "No." "Then the other half of your life has been a blank." He was about to make another inquiry, when he was interrupted by the ferryman asking if he could swim; and on the philosopher saying "No," he was told that he would lose his whole life at once, for the boat was sinking, and nothing could save him.

To tie a knot on a rope, so that it will hold; to be able to sew on a button; to dress a wound properly; to make a good basin of gruel for one who is ill; or to be able to do a little cooking, are all accomplishments of the highest value, almost anywhere, but still more so when fate sends one to distant lands. There are numberless little acquirements, that might be easily learned, and by means of which one would become useful, not only to himself, but to others, and this is one of the duties inculcated by all teaching. "I Follow Fame" was the motto which the young knight had put on his shield, when Merlin, taking the brush, blotted it out and inscribed "Rather Use than Fame." Tennyson indicates his own ideas of the teaching of these words, by saying—

You should have seen him blush; but afterwards
He made a stalwart knight.

This we should take as implying that one may be useful, and earn fame into the bargain.

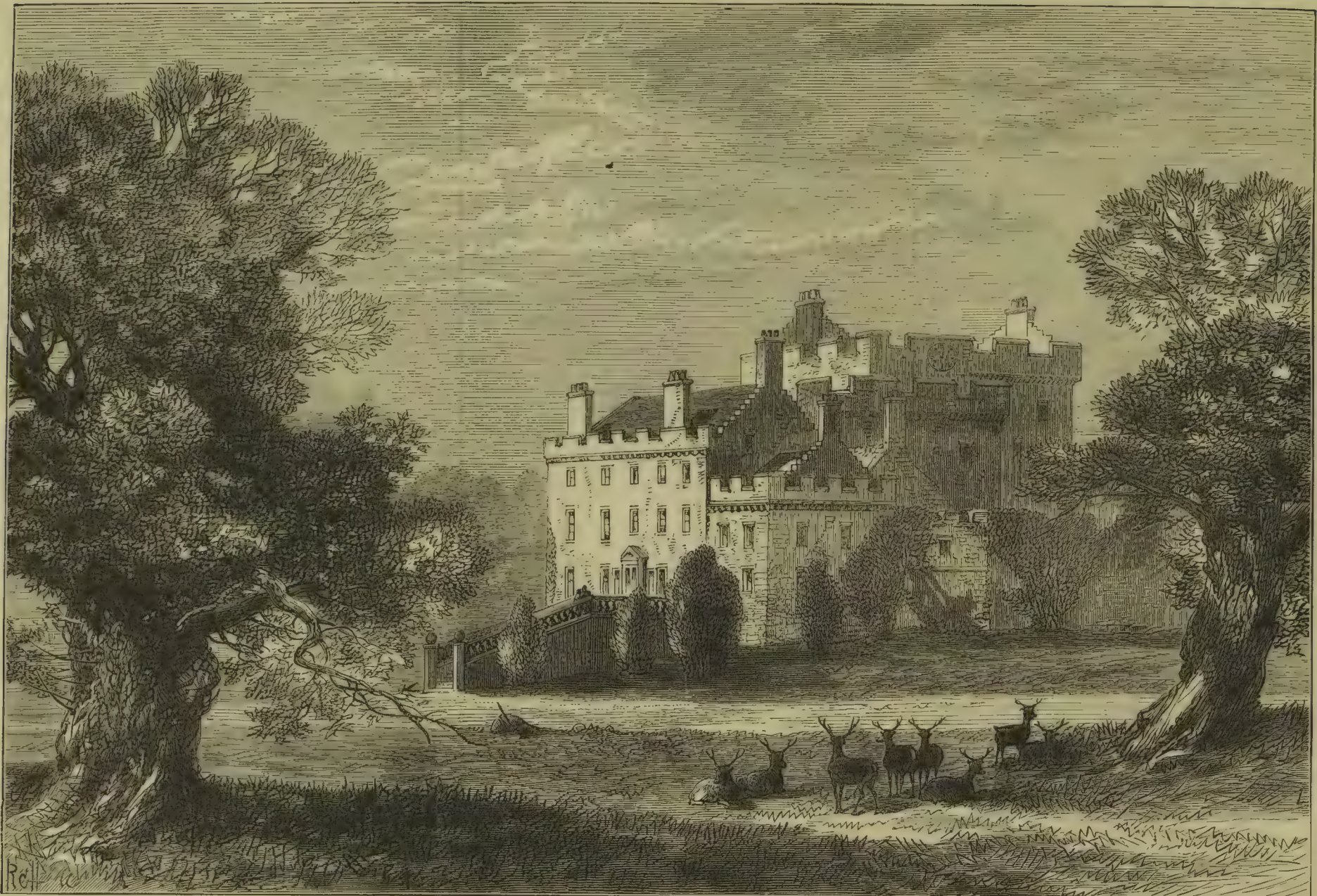
It was my fate to spend Christmas last year in China, and the house I chanced to be living in contained a number of young gentlemen belonging to one of the large mercantile firms. In their arrangements for the Christmas dinner, it was found that none of the Chinese servants knew how to make a plum-pudding. Here was a difficulty. What useless fellows we all found ourselves, when the question went round if anyone could make a plum-pudding! The fancy accomplishments which each was known to possess became the subject of contemptuous and sarcastic sneers. Any man who would undertake to make a plum-pudding had an opening before him of becoming a hero. Whoever could achieve this triumph would be the man whose education was up to the "spirit of the times." According to Mr. Carlyle's view of destiny, the opportunity and the hero come together. The next evening some friends came in, and the probable famine in the matter of plum-pudding became naturally a subject of conversation, when one of the gentlemen present offered his services. Had a superior being from a brighter sphere come down to assist us, the joy could not have been greater. His coat was pulled off, and there was a rush to the kitchen, where, the materials being all ready, the process was gone through, with an earnest and inquiring crowd of pig-tails around the table. The Chinese "boys" knew of the difficulty, and, from the way they watched the whole proceeding, I have no doubt that, with the Chinaman's powers of imitation, a perfect facsimile, even to the exact number of plums, will be produced by them on Christmas Day this year. If they do so it will be a good one; for the pudding we got was no makeshift; it was as good an article of the kind as ever appeared on the table. The behaviour of our useful hero was in keeping with Tennyson's description. He was a stalwart knight in more senses than one. His big beard made a fine contrast to the hairless chins of the Turanian spectators who watched his every movement. And he also illustrates the principle that these useful accomplishments do not interfere with higher walks of study, for our friend is the principal scene-painter of the amateur corps of the place, and is a very clever artist.

Mr. Howard Staunton has, "on account of his pre-eminent services as an editor of Shakspeare's works," been elected an honorary member of the German Shakspeare Society, a very distinguished body of scholars.

The Board of Trade inquiry into the circumstances of the burning and subsequent sinking of the Naggore in Kingstown harbour on Nov. 9 has ended, the Court exonerating the master from all blame.

The Postmaster-General lately had his attention called to the arrangements regulating the inland book-post service, and a request was made that the standard of 18 inches, which was fixed two years ago, might be increased to 2 feet, at which it previously stood. The reply of the Post Office is to the effect that it is not expedient to make any alteration.

Mr. Henry Thompson, of Mincing-lane, and other members of his family, have undertaken to bear the cost of the erection of one of the houses of the eighth block of the Royal National Hospital for Consumption and Diseases of the Chest, situated at Ventnor, at a cost of about £1700. The committee only await the receipt of funds for the adjoining house to complete the entire design of the hospital, which will provide accommodation for over one hundred patients. The chapel for the use of the patients was opened by the Bishop of Winchester on Saturday last. It has been raised by special contributions, Mrs. F. Hamilton being the chief contributor.



ANCRUM HOUSE, NEAR JEDBURGH, LATELY DESTROYED BY FIRE



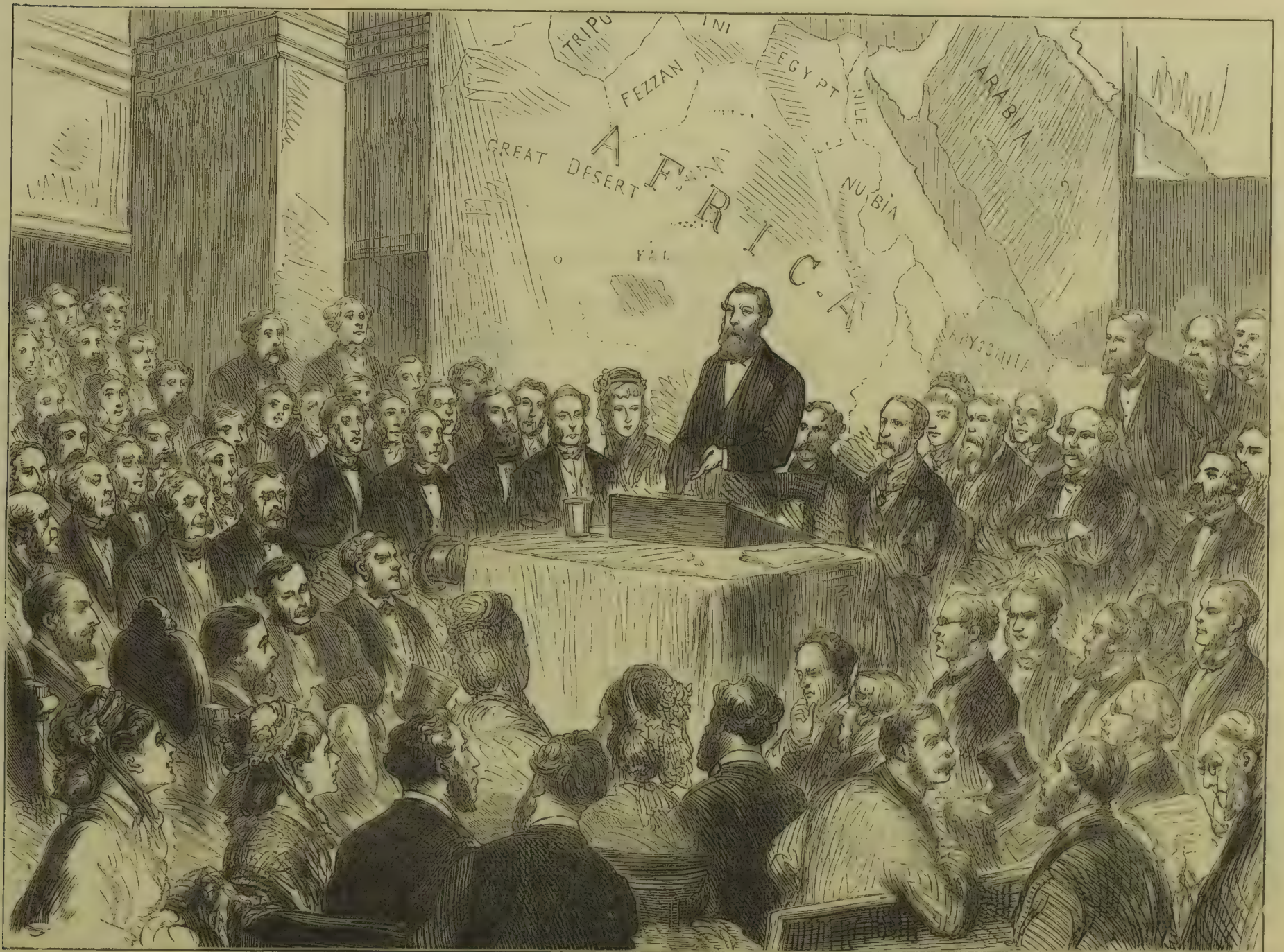
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SIR W. V. HARCOURT, M.P., THE NEW SOLICITOR-GENERAL.



MR. A. B. WALKER, MAYOR OF LIVERPOOL.



SIR SAMUEL BAKER AT THE MEETING OF THE ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY.

ANCRUM HOUSE, JEDBURGH.

It has been related how this mansion, the old ancestral residence of Sir William Scott, Bart., was entirely destroyed by fire on the night of Tuesday, the 2nd inst. The fire seems to have originated in a dressing-room on the fourth floor of the central tower, about seven o'clock in the evening. It is likely to have been caused by the exposure to fire in the grate of some old beam in the chimney. The rapidity with which the fire spread through the rooms, with the absence of any fire-engine (the nearest being at Kelso, twelve miles distant), while the fury of the flames increased every moment, too soon proved to Sir William, though hundreds of willing hands, at the sound of the alarm-bell, had flocked from the neighbouring villages to his assistance, that their endeavours were useless, and that the noble old building was doomed. Their efforts were then directed to saving the valuable furniture, pictures, and plate in the lower stories, and much of this property was successfully preserved; but many old family relics, beautiful old carvings, and furniture, and some valuable papers, with nearly the whole of Lady Scott's jewels, were destroyed. The fire continued to burn through all that night and most of the next day; and now but crumbling walls and a heap of ashes mark where Ancrum House so long had stood.

The house, an illustration of which we have engraved, showing the east front, stood in the midst of a park, celebrated throughout Scotland for the magnificent size of its trees and for the varied beauties of hill, rocks, fern, crags, and river scenery. This mansion was one of great antiquity. We read in "The History of the Border" how the castle of Ancrum was destroyed by fire in 1513, after the battle of Flodden; but with the stone and other materials of that ancient castle the central tower, shown in our illustration, was built in the year 1542. Various additions have been made since then, by the predecessors of Sir William, who represents one of the oldest families in Scotland, their deeds and charters dating back as far as 1128. It was the late Sir William Scott, father of the present Baronet, who added a large west tower and wing, in most perfect keeping with the rest of the old house, and who, by his care and love of the place, did much to beautify it and to render it what it was, part of the pride and beauty of the Border. Its associations and historic memories in past ages, and the kind hospitality for which, during the last fifty years, it has been widely noted, will make its loss to be deeply felt by many others besides Sir William and his family.

THE SOLICITOR-GENERAL.

The Queen on Friday week, at Windsor, received the newly-appointed Solicitor-General and Vice-Chancellor, with two colonial Chief Justices, and conferred upon each of those four gentlemen the honour of knighthood. Sir William George Vernon Harcourt, Q.C., who has succeeded Mr. Henry James in the office of Solicitor-General, is second son of the late Rev. William Vernon Harcourt, and grandson of the late Most Rev. Dr. Edward Vernon Harcourt, many years Archbishop of York. He was born on Oct. 14, 1827, and was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge, where he took his bachelor's degree in 1851, and obtained the honours of a senior optime and a first-class man in the classical tripos. He was called to the Bar, at the Middle Temple, in Easter Term, 1854, when he chose the Home Circuit; in 1856 he was made a Queen's Counsel. He has been a Commissioner for the Amendment of the Naturalisation Laws, and also of the Neutrality Laws. He has held the professorship of international law in the University of Cambridge. He has sat as the colleague of Mr. Cardwell in the representation of the city of Oxford since the last general election. He is married to a daughter of the late Mr. Thomas H. Lister, and stepdaughter of Sir George C. Lewis.

The Portrait of Sir William Vernon Harcourt is from a photograph by Mr. H. J. Whitlock, of Birmingham.

THE MAYOR OF LIVERPOOL.

The munificent act of liberality with which Mr. A. B. Walker has commenced his year of office as Mayor of Liverpool was the subject of notice a few weeks ago. His offer to provide at his own cost for the erection of a Gallery of Fine Arts, the probable outlay upon which is estimated at £20,000, is worthy of the position he holds in that great commercial town, and it will be cherished in the memory of future generations, along with the instance of a similar princely gift, by Mr. William Brown, in the endowment of the Free Library there. We have much pleasure in setting before our readers the portrait of Mr. Walker, from a photograph by Messrs. Vandyke and Brown, of Lord-street, Liverpool.

SIR SAMUEL BAKER'S LECTURE.

The lecture which Sir Samuel Baker delivered to the Royal Geographical Society on Monday week, and which was honoured with the presence of their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Edinburgh, has been read by most of those who would have desired to hear it from his own lips. The audience numbered about 1500 ladies and gentlemen, in the lecture-theatre of the new buildings of London University, in Burlington-gardens. The benches were crowded, and there was a crush to get in at the doors. The chair was occupied by Sir Bartle Frere, president of the society,

but Sir Henry Rawlinson, the late president, was there also. Sir Samuel Baker commenced by giving an account of the mission he undertook, from the Khedive or Viceroy of Egypt, to go up the Nile with a military force and put a stop to the practices of kidnapping and slave-trading. He observed that he had the honour to accompany the Prince and Princess of Wales in Egypt, and it was by the advice of the Prince of Wales that he accepted the offer which the Khedive made him, after a conversation between the Khedive and the Prince upon the subject. This remark induced his Royal Highness, later in the evening, when Sir Samuel Baker had finished his interesting narrative, to rise and say a few words. The Prince expressed the pleasure he felt in welcoming Sir Samuel upon his safe return to England, and in witnessing the successful accomplishment of his great enterprise. He was quite sure that the enlightened ruler of Egypt was sincere in his wish to suppress the slave trade in Central Africa; but there were great difficulties in such a matter, dealing with people thousands of miles distant. As for Sir Samuel Baker, he had not only maintained his high character as a traveller, a sportsman, and a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, but as a philanthropist he had performed a great work for the benefit of human kind. This well-merited eulogy was received with hearty cheers. Sir Bartle Frere then offered his own congratulations and those of the society to Sir Samuel and Lady Baker, alluding to the high courage and true womanly affection she had displayed as the companion of her husband through all his perilous and laborious adventures. Sir Samuel briefly acknowledged the vote of thanks, and the company gave three hearty cheers for his wife as well as for himself.

On Monday last Sir Samuel Baker lectured at the United Service Institution on "Savage Warfare." The chair was filled by his Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge, Commander-in-Chief; and many officers of high rank and distinction were among the audience.

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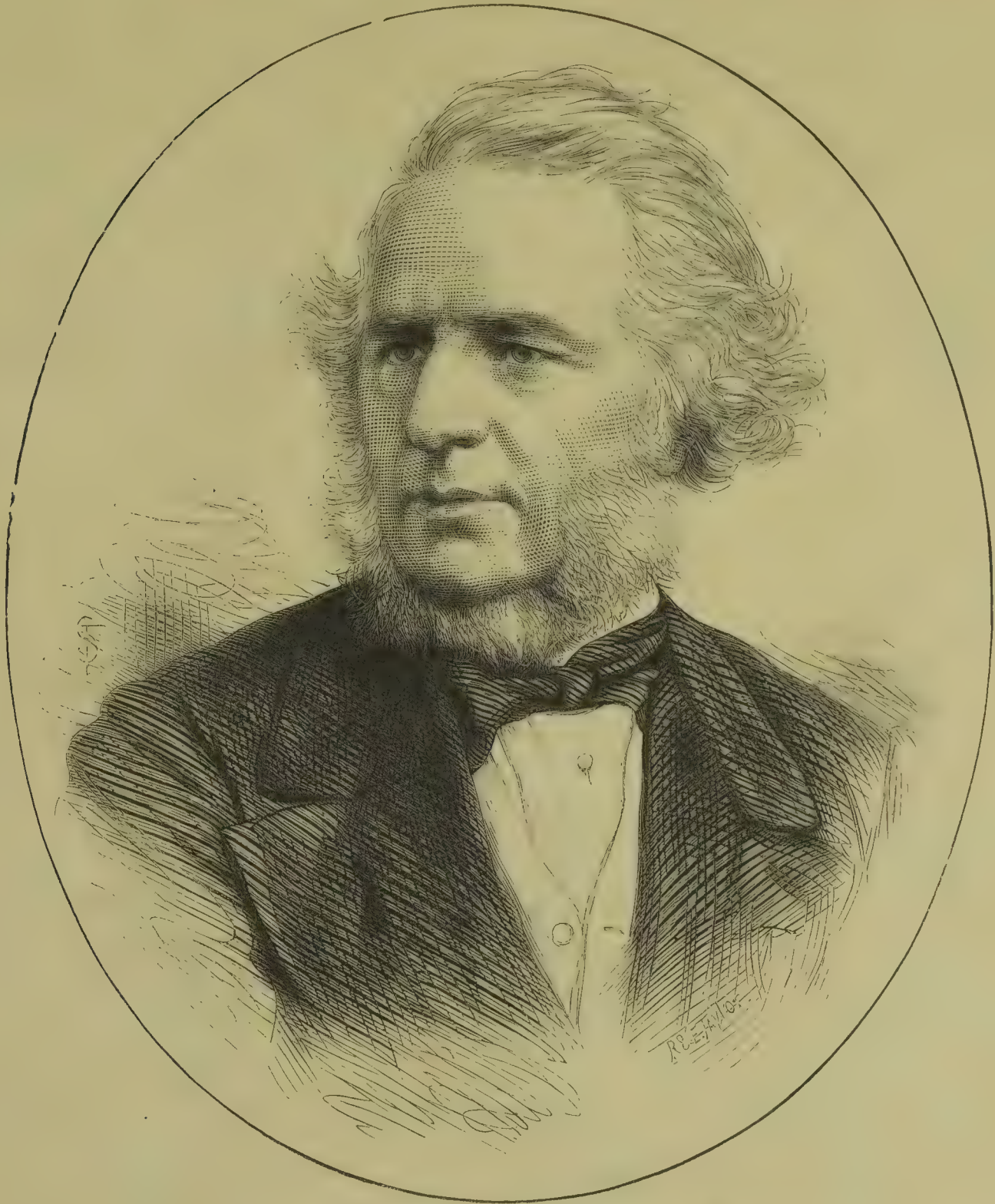
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MR. CHARLES REED, M.P.

The election of this gentleman to succeed Lord Lawrence as chairman of the new London School Board is a fit occasion for our Journal to contain his portrait. He was vice-chairman of the late board, having been chosen one of its members, for the Hackney division, in November, 1870. Mr. Reed has sat in the House of Commons for the borough of Hackney since the general Parliamentary election of November, 1868, when that borough first exercised its new privilege of representation; but he has been nearly thirty years an active member of the Corporation of the city of London. He is one of four sons of that eminent philanthropist and minister of religion, the late Rev. Dr. Andrew Reed, of Hackney, who was founder of the London Orphan Asylum, formerly at Clapton, now at Watford; the Infant Orphan Asylum at Wanstead; the Earlwood Asylum for Idiots, Redhill; the Asylum for Fatherless Children at Reedham, near Croydon; and the Royal Hospital for Incurables at Putney. Mr. Charles Reed was born July 20, 1819. He was educated at London University, and got his first training in business at a woollen factory in Leeds, where he resided five years. He is now senior partner in the firm of Messrs. Reed and Fox, type-founders, of Fann-street, Aldersgate. In 1846 he married Miss Margaret Baines, youngest daughter of the late Mr. Edward Baines, M.P. for Leeds and proprietor of the *Leeds Mercury*, sister of the present Mr. Edward Baines, M.P., who now conducts that journal, and of the late Right Hon. Matthew Talbot Baines, M.P. Mr. Reed has several sons and daughters. He is a deputy for the ward of Farringdon Within in the Common Council, and has done good service to the City in many useful matters. As representative of the Corporation for the management of its Ulster estates and deputy-governor of the Irish Society, as a conservator of the river Thames, as chairman of the committee for the recovery of Bunhill-fields burial-ground and its preservation to the public use, as chairman of the Library committee, and a manager of the City of London School, he has earned the signal thanks of his fellow-citizens; but he has not yet worn the aldermanic gown or sought the higher municipal offices. He is a deputy-lieutenant and a magistrate for Middlesex and Westminster. Inheriting the principles of a Nonconformist in religious and ecclesiastical politics, he is president of the Protestant Dissenting lay deputies of the Independent, Presbyterian, and Baptist congregations. He is also, or has been, chairman of the London Missionary Society and one of the committee of the Bible Society. Two of his brothers—the Rev. Andrew Reed, of St. Leonards, and the Rev. Dr. Martin Reed, of Hastings—are Dissenting ministers. Mr. Charles Reed was an intimate friend of the late Mr. Peabody, and is left one of the executors of that benevolent American's will in England. He has devoted some attention to literary pursuits and antiquarian studies. The biography of his father, published ten years ago, is a book of much interest and value. He has moreover written a history of the Plantation of Ulster in the reign of James I., and of the administration of the Irish Society. As a Liberal politician, Mr. Reed's views and conduct are well known. He is in favour of the equalisation of poor rates throughout the metropolitan parishes; and he is opposed to a purely secular scheme of education.

The Portrait is from a photograph by Rockwood, of New York.

THE CIVIL WAR IN SPAIN.

The naval seaport town of Carthagena, on the Mediterranean coast of Spain, is still held by the faction of Intransigentes, or fanatical Communists, against the Government of Madrid, whose military forces, under General Ceballos, now superseded by Dominguez, has attacked the town rather feebly on the land side. The bombardment, indeed, though ineffective for the reduction of a fortified place, has caused a terrible amount of distress to the people of the town. The state of things within Carthagena has been very fully described by the *Times* correspondent, who stayed there, with three or four other Englishmen, till the 27th ult., when they and the English Consul were requested by Admiral Sir Hastings Yelverton to come on board the flagship of our squadron at Escombrera Bay. Five hundred women and children were next day, between midnight and four in the morning, removed by the boats of an Italian frigate, belonging to the squadron under Admiral Bronchetti, who had obtained a suspension of hostilities for this purpose. The fighting extended outside the town to Escombrera, on the 13th inst., so that the English and other foreigners there would be recommended to leave that place. The forts and batteries of Carthagena were still returning the besiegers' fire on Tuesday last.

We are indebted to Dr. Fleetwood Buckle, senior surgeon of H.M.S. *Invisible*, for a sketch taken by him on the 28th from the top of Mount Porman, a height of 1000 ft., looking westward, which gives a view of the valley behind Carthagena, with the forts and batteries, and the lines of besiegers and besieged. To the right hand, down in the hollow beneath the spectator, is a small lagoon called the Mar Menor, azure blue, and dotted with islets. In the middle, directly before the eyes of one looking down from Mount Porman, is a richly-cultivated, fertile plain, interspersed with villages, gardens, orange groves, country houses, and factories. Here and there is a low hillock, behind which the besiegers are protected during the construction of their earthworks. Halfway across the plain is the busy little manufacturing town of Las Alumbas; to the right, at the foot of the hill, are the English iron and lead works of Las Herrerias. The head-quarters of General Ceballos were at La Palma, below the middle hill facing the spectator; but they have been removed to Las Alumbas, in order to stop the carriage of supplies by the Escombrera road. In the left centre is Moros Castle, firing rapidly, but with little effect. The hill which rises above this to the left is the highest on the east side of Carthagena, overlooking the town and harbour beyond, which are out of sight of the spectator on Mount Porman. Fort St. Julian, the key to the whole position, is conspicuous on the summit of that hill. Beyond it, a long way off, at the other side of the harbour, is Fort Galeras, or what has been called Postman's Hill. The chapel and whitewashed houses of the cemetery are seen halfway down the hill to the left hand. It was on the third day of the bombardment that Admiral Yelverton allowed a large party of officers of the squadron to go ashore in the yacht *Helicon*, and to ascend Mount Porman, for a view of the neighbourhood of Carthagena, as it appears during the siege. The Spanish Government squadron does not at present join with the land forces in the attack.

A life-boat contributed to the National Life-Boat Institution, through its Manchester branch, by Mr. Job Hindley, as the gift of a working man of Manchester, was publicly exhibited in that city on Friday, the 19th inst., prior to being forwarded to its station at Seaton Carew, Durham. It was built by Messrs. Forrest, of Limehouse, and is named the Job Hindley, after the donor. The National Life-Boat Institution has now 235 life-boats under its management, fifteen of which have been contributed by the Manchester branch. Each life-boat establishment requires an expenditure of about £70 a year to maintain it in a state of efficiency.

FINE ARTS.

INSTITUTE OF PAINTERS IN WATER COLOURS.

The present winter exhibition of so-called sketches and studies shows, we think, a progressive improvement in the average of merit, but there is little distinction as regards the degree of finish expended on a majority of the works between this and the spring exhibition of completed drawings.

A number of studies and drawings by Messrs. M'Kewan and Shalders testify by their excellence to the great loss the society has sustained by the death of those members. We have often borne witness to the rare ability displayed by Mr. M'Kewan in his paintings of interiors; and all, and more than all, we have said applies to the fine colouring, the masterly, decisive handling, and the admirable general effect of his numerous studies here from Hardwick, Knole, Cothelie, and other picturesque old English interiors. The Surrey landscapes, generally with sheep very agreeably introduced, by Mr. Shalders, also possess a genuine charm of natural variety and freshness, and sometimes uncommon truth of sunlight and atmospheric effect. One of the most important examples here is "Early Spring" (206).

Other members of long-standing, and, happily, still living, are well represented. Mr. Louis Haghe, the new president, is particularly fortunate in some drawings on a rather smaller scale than usual (or studies for larger works), with figures in seventeenth-century costumes, set in the old Flemish interiors he loves so well. The composition appears more concentrated, and the colouring is certainly richer within the reduced dimensions of these works. Then there are two larger drawings (Nos. 205 and 255), which, with a variety of appropriate episode, tell the story of a night sortie of troops from a besieged town, and the return of the same band at early morning with many wounded. Mr. Leitch's taste in arrangement, and in the conduct of effect—a rare quality in English landscape-painting of the present day—is displayed in "The Warlock Knowe—Scene on the River Ayr" (93). Mr. Harry Johnson likewise manifests a nice feeling for the amenities of landscape in several Italian subjects, of which the most elaborate is "The Roman Campagna" (289). Mr. J. C. Reed has made a distinct advance in refinement, see "Arundel Castle" (25) and "Streatley and Goring" (266). Mr. J. W. Whymer's "Weald of Surrey" (259); the marine piece, "A Brig Drifting" (229), by Mr. E. Hayes; coast scenes by Mr. Mogford and Mr. Philp; the clever yet careful and truthful "Mediterranean Shore near Cette—Removing Wreck" (83), by Mr. R. Beavis; "The Drover" (90), by Mr. Hargitt; views in Venice and France (sound and honest, but a little heavy in the too-positive shadows), by Mr. W. Wyld; many "bits" from Switzerland, by Mr. W. L. Thomas; and several sketches by Mr. Telbin are likewise entitled to commendation. Mr. C. Werner has broken new ground in Spain in a study of "The Interior of the Vestry of Toledo Cathedral" (47); but the hard, and we must say mechanical, finish which has characterised his Eastern subjects, especially of late, is not less apparent. Mr. Absolon contributes, in addition to pretty conventionalities in his customary vein, several comic sketches; but the method of this painter, like that of Mr. Rowbotham, reminds one, in its smartness and cleanness, of chromolithography rather than of nature. Mr. Cattermole's dexterous and picturesque costumed figures and groups would be more acceptable if they were less mannered in treatment, or even if their mannerism were more original.

Turning to works more serious or sincere in intention, we welcome a small drawing, by M. Israel, of a solitary fisherwoman looking pensively at evening through the window of her cottage towards the seashore and a row of beached boats. It is a mere trifle, yet it strikes a true chord of imaginative sadness. The Dutch master has found a worthy disciple in the young English painter Mr. Hugh Carter; witness his capably characteristic figure of an old Schevening fishwife (262) and his "Young Shrimpers" (50). The broad and transparent mode of painting in water colours is likewise practised by Messrs. Collier and Orrock; but these artists have evidently adopted David Cox as their model. "The Downs near Lewes—Hazy Morning" (62) and "Rannock Moor, Argyleshire" (250), by the former, have a breadth of execution, and luminous, silvery effect, which would be not unworthy of the deceased English master himself. Mr. Orrock, too, is realising more of the spirit, with the manner, of Cox; see particularly the "Study of Rough Sea" (54). Those of Mr. Hine's studies here which appear to have received the least studio elaboration strike us as the most delightful; far more so than his most highly-wrought drawings. There is the same serene refinement of feeling, the same tenderness of effect, but with greater purity of colouring and an absence of the too uniform softness of texture, technically called "woolliness." We commend to all persons with a delicate sense of Nature's sweetest harmonies the "Durlstone Head, Dorset" (70), with its beautiful limpid colouring of sea and land; the view at "Havre" (59), with the windmills vanishing in evening mist; and "On Hayward's Heath, Sussex" (260). A view at Rotterdam (29), with a well-expressed evening effect, by Mr. May, is the best work we have seen by this artist.

We have lastly to consider the contributions of a small band of young figure-painters who follow more or less closely in the path struck out by Mr. Walker of the Old Society. Like him, they employ body colour freely, but they do not always succeed in harmonising the various hues admixed with this intractable opaque material, and their productions are always deficient in transparency—i.e., the very essence of pure water-colour painting. Like Mr. Walker also, they pay great attention to figure draughtsmanship and display considerable ability therein—derived from the practice of drawing for the wood engraver. But their outlines (which are almost of necessity an essential feature in a wood engraving) are hard and cutting, and much too strong for the modelling and gradations. We think the methods adopted by this new school to be mistaken; for, on the one hand, they vainly endeavour to attain the qualities of oil painting, and, on the other, their work has characteristics only proper to drawing with the point. Mr. Herkomer is one of the most gifted of these young artists. He sends an "unfinished" fairy fantasia—"Overture," he styles it (73), with numerous semi-nude female figures, under a spectral effect of lighting from a full moon just above the horizon. What may be the motives for the attitudes and contortions of some of the weird figures (if the unearthly conception admits of such definition) it would be hard to say in the present incomplete state of the work. The sense of beauty in form and colour, and the fertility of fancy, which runs over on to the frame, with its tinting and painted butterflies, are, however, not a little remarkable. Another noteworthy drawing, alike as regards form, colour, and invention, is Mr. E. J. Gregory's "Pet of the Crew" (80), a scene on the poop of an antique galley—probably a book illustration put into colour. Mr. W. Small evinces the faculty of a colourist in "Little Bo-Peep" (44), and still more in "The Highland Home" (295), with its rich autumnal hues; but the passages of good colour are fragmentary, owing to the difficulty of laying body colour in broad gradations. The technical procedures of Mr. A. C. Gow and Mr. C. Green are comparatively simple and legitimate; but both are, like the preceding, minutely careful and complete in their workmanship. The

former is represented by a small drawing (66) of a man carrying off title-deeds through a secret door behind tapestry; the latter by, among other small drawings, that (351) of an elderly gentleman unlocking the family post-bag, with a young lady standing timidly and anxiously beside his chair.

MEMBERS OUT OF PARLIAMENT.

There has been something amusing in the sort of perplexity in which two members of the Government have found themselves when addressing their constituents. The President of the Local Government Board and the new Solicitor-General, when they were unofficial representatives of the people, were in a condition, Parliamentarily, comparable to that, physically and morally, "when wild in woods the noble savage ran." They were "chartered libertines," and expressed their broad Radicalism not only without scruple, but with irrepressible chuckling. It is a long time now since Mr. Stansfeld was transformed from a bold Parliamentary free lance into a decorous—a painfully decorous—official; and he affects this by confining himself as much as possible, if not altogether, in the House to the illustration of his department. However, there will come times when even a Cabinet Minister must appear before his constituents like an ordinary member; and this ordeal Mr. Stansfeld has just been undergoing at Halifax. Unfortunately, he was called upon to confine himself to one topic, and could not therefore "dwell in generalities for ever," but to be as specific in his utterances as he could be. The subject was just the most difficult upon which he could suffer a cross-examination, for it was one on which it is known the Cabinet is in a manner divided, Mr. Forster being the leader of one section of opinion and Mr. Bright of the other—namely, that of education. No one, it is presumed, fancies that Mr. Stansfeld is other than an adherent of Mr. Bright, and yet he could not, in loyalty to the rest of the Cabinet, so disclose himself. Therefore, like other people in a dilemma as regards candour, he temporised, referred to his antecedents on the question—so to speak, winked knowingly at his audience when he asked them to trust him, and led them off the scent with a kind of red-herring drag—that is, he hinted that three vexed points in the matter of national education would certainly be dealt with next Session. Of course everyone, at the first blush, deemed this an intimation that the Government would take these points up; but it turns out that it was only meant that three private members would each bring forward a motion on one point, which they endeavoured to do last Session, with a woeful want of success. Can it be that educational legislation is about to be made an open question in the Cabinet?

In his address to his constituents on asking re-election, when he accepted the Solicitor-Generalship, Sir William Vernon Harcourt gave a good specimen of that kind of supposititious feeling which is symbolised in the answer of bishops-elect, and which is "Nolo Episcopari;" and perhaps his reluctance was as sincere as that which Episcopal apprentices by custom have to affect. He insisted so strongly on the right that electors have to meet their members face to face that he was obliged to take that course after his re-election. It must be confessed that he managed well the situation of a very independent member giving up his independence. He insinuated that he was not going to be muzzled because he had sunk into the position of a subordinate official; he implied that he had not yet become the very humble servant of a Government of which he had only lately been one of the sharpest critics; and loud was his cry that when that fatal hour came that attempts should be made to put an embargo on his freedom of speech he would tear the muzzle from the hand that sought to put it on ere it had touched, far less confined, his mouth. He did, perhaps, protest too much; and, though he spoke roundly, who shall say that he will be able to resist the enervating influence of officialism, and resist the influence of that political and Parliamentary Capua, the Treasury bench? When it is really found that the first day of an attempt to curb his independence is the "last day of his official life," it will be time enough to gauge the depth and width of his protestations to the citizens of Oxford.

The election for Exeter must have been deemed of vital import by the Government, for numerous were the chosen agents who appeared to blarney the cause of the Liberal candidate, and they were not unreasonably supposed to have moved under the instant influence of the responsible managers of the Ministerial party. But the case became clear and undoubted when, at nearly the last moment, Mr. Knatchbull-Hugessen appeared, and went in vigorously for the support of the Liberal aspirant. Some people may doubt if this was not overdoing the thing. Nobody could doubt the fascination, the sweetness, the brightness of Mr. Hugessen's eloquence; but it is just possible that it may have struck some of the simple, untutored Devonians whom he addressed that confidence in the power of persuading was a little overweening, and that, therefore, a contrary effect to that anticipated was produced, and a spirit of recalcitrancy aroused in many who were before wavering, and that the contest was decided against the Liberal because the people were too much bespeached. Anyway, it was very soon after Mr. Knatchbull-Hugessen mixed in the foray that victory declared itself for the Conservative competitor.

Amongst the surprises which were involved in the rearrangement of the Ministry, in the autumn, there was none greater to the initiated than the appointment of Mr. Adam to the Chief Commissionership of Works. Long known and esteemed as second "whip" of the Liberal party, he was possessed of every quality to entitle him to promotion to the chiefship of that department of the Government, on the vacancy occasioned by Lord Wolverton's accession. It may be that Mr. Adam was willing to try his hand in a new office; he might have been weary of "whipping," and have shrunk from the responsibility of the command which the place of Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury involved. All that, if it be so, is buried in the depths of officialism now and for ever, and Mr. Adam has more or less literally sought "fresh fields and pastures new," and takes charge of the parks, and become an inspector of ornamental gardening therein, besides taking on him the heavy burden of all the public buildings, so called, in the metropolis. Far be it from being said that he is not well fitted for his work, and certainly his suavity, his quietude of manner, and his gentle geniality will be appreciated in the conduct of the particular department over which he presides. In a notice of some proceedings of his, the other day, an unconscious joke was made when, he being a Scotchman and his name Adam, and newly appointed Chief Commissioner of Works, it was said that he "was about to macadamise all the roads in the park afresh."

The portrait of the late Mr. E. T. Parris, the artist, published in our last week's Paper, was from a photograph by his son-in-law, Mr. Henri Claudet, of Regent-street, not by Messrs. James Russell and Sons, of Chichester, as then stated. It was taken by Mr. Claudet in 1865.

MUSIC.

The most important event of this week has been the production of Bach's "Christmas Oratorio" at the fourth concert of the third season of the Royal Albert Hall Choral Society. This took place on Monday evening, when the gigantic choir and proportionate band, numbering together nearly 1200 executants, gave grand effect to a work which may compare, in sublimity and power, with the better-known St. Matthew "Passion Music" of the same composer. The several recent performances of the latter composition have prepared the English public for the reception of a similar work, one, too, that should also find many repetitions—at least annually at the period for which it was composed. The "Christmas Oratorio" was produced in 1734, some five or six years after the supposed date of the St. Matthew "Passion Music." The oratorio consists of six divisions (intended for church performance on separate days), each of which comprises solo vocal pieces, choruses, and chorales; the choral movements—as in most of the works of Bach, and in those of Handel—being the most impressive. Those which produced the greatest effect in Monday's performance were the fine opening chorus "Christians, be joyful," and those entitled respectively "Glory to God in the highest," "Hear, King of Angels," and "Come and thank Him." The simple sublimity of the old chorales (mostly Lutheran tunes) was also among the impressive features of the performance—these and the other choral pieces having been very finely sung by the choir. The solo pieces, beautiful as many of them are, have frequently a formality of style from which the choruses are entirely free, the former having now an effect of antique conventionalism which scarcely any lapse of time can attach to the latter. The most effective solos were the charming contralto slumber-song "Sleep, my beloved," expressively sung by Madame Patey, the fine baritone air "Lord Almighty," admirably given by Signor Agnesi; and the florid solo "Tis Thee I would be praising," in which Mr. Cummings displayed some excellent vocalisation. In various important incidental soprano passages, and in the two duets (with Signor Agnesi) "Lord, Thy mercy," and "Tis well, Thy name, O Lord," the fine voice and declamation of Madame Otto-Alvsleben were of high value. The orchestral features of the score (with some necessary modifications) were well rendered by an efficient band, and the performance was carefully and judiciously conducted by Mr. Barnby, Dr. Stainer having been a valuable auxiliary at the organ.

The Royal Albert Hall Choral Society have not yet suspended their performances, having announced "The Messiah" for Christmas Eve, concerts being promised in the same building on the afternoon and evening of Boxing Day.

The concert to be given by the Royal Albert Hall Amateur Orchestral Society, this (Saturday) evening, in aid of the funds for reopening the baths and wash-houses in the east end of London will be honoured by the presence of the Duke of Edinburgh and Prince Arthur. The concert will begin at 8.30.

The Saturday afternoon concerts at the Crystal Palace closed for the year last week, when the selection was of special interest. One of the chief features of the occasion was Dr. Hans von Bülow's splendid execution of Liszt's elaborate pianoforte concerto in E flat—a work of which we have more than once spoken in reference to its performance by other pianists. The magnificent playing of Dr. von Bülow on Saturday created a marked impression, and called forth enthusiastic applause. The ninth ("choral") symphony of Beethoven formed a grand climax to the last concert of the year. The solo singers in the finale (which includes a setting of Schiller's "Ode to Joy") were Madame Otto-Alvsleben, Miss M. Severn, Mr. Werrenrath, and Mr. G. Fox. The previous portions of the programme comprised Auber's "Exhibition Overture" and solos by the vocalists named. In the orchestral pieces the band and Mr. Manns (the conductor) fully sustained their reputation.

The last of the Monday Popular Concerts previous to the Christmas vacation took place this week. Dr. von Bülow was again the pianist, and his fine playing was heard in the very opposite styles of Mozart's solo sonata in F (that recently played by him at his third recital), Beethoven's sonata in C minor for piano and violin, and Rubinstein's sonata for piano and violoncello (the latter first introduced at the Popular Concert three weeks ago and repeated by desire). Madame Norman-Néruda was the leading violinist, Signor Piatti the violoncellist, and the quartet party was completed, as usual, by Messrs. L. Ries and Zerbini. Miss Jessie Jones and Mdlle. Reimar were the vocalists, and Sir J. Benedict conducted.

The second concert of the Wagner Society, held yesterday (Friday) week, was far more representative of its purpose than the performances with which the series opened. On that occasion only two pieces by the composer named were given; whereas the programme now referred to comprised extracts from Wagner's "Rienzi" (the overture and the prayer in the fifth act); from "Tannhäuser" (the overture, the introduction to the second act, and "Elizabeth's Greeting"); and from "Lohengrin" (the duet between Elsa and Lohengrin in the third act); besides the "Kaiser Marsch," composed in 1871 in honour of the German Emperor. The vocalists were Mdlle. Nita Gaetano and Herr Werrenrath, each of whom sang with good effect, the former in the prayer from "Rienzi," the latter in "Elizabeth's Greeting," and both in the duet, which latter piece had to be repeated. The Wagner selection (conducted by Mr. Edward Dannreuther) was preceded by the movement entitled "Tasso," from Liszt's "Symphonische Dichtung," and Dr. von Bülow's march from his music to "Julius Cæsar," both conducted by the last-named composer. Liszt's elaborate orchestral piece has been more than once commented on by us. The march was given for the first time in this country. It is effectively scored, with copious use of the brass instruments; and was much applauded. The third concert, on Jan. 23, will include choral extracts from Wagner's operas "Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg," "Tannhäuser," and "Der Fliegende Holländer."

The fifth and last of Mr. Henry Holmes's pleasant Musical Evenings took place on Wednesday, and the programme included Beethoven's sixth string quartet, Brahms's sextet in G for stringed instruments, pianoforte solos performed by Mr. Walter Bache, and other items.

The forty-second annual Christmas performance of "The Messiah" by the Sacred Harmonic Society was repeated yesterday (Friday) evening.

The fifth and last of Dr. von Bülow's pianoforte recitals takes place this (Saturday) afternoon.

Several of our greatest musical institutions have already suspended their performances, according to annual custom, during the period—religious and festive—which closes the old year and opens the new one. The Monday Popular Concerts, those of the Crystal Palace, and of the Sacred Harmonic Society have ceased for a brief period. The first will be resumed on Jan. 12, the Sydenham concerts will be continued on Jan. 17, and those of the last-named institution will recommence on Jan. 23.

A challenge has been sent from the Irish Rifle Association to the riflemen of America, to engage in a friendly contest in the United States in the autumn of 1874.

THEATRES.

Pending the arrangements for the Christmas entertainments, the metropolitan theatres have contributed little to our weekly record that has any special significance. At the Opéra Comique "The Porter's Knot" of Mr. Oxenford has been revived, with Mr. H. T. Craven as Samson Burr. It was a bold venture to challenge comparison with our recollections of Mr. Robson; but Mr. Craven has really many qualifications for the character. He is, indeed, a far rougher actor, but enjoys a command over our smiles and tears which few can excel. He can realise the pathetic and humorous with equal facility, and his efforts in both directions were well appreciated. He has been, moreover, efficiently supported by Mr. Belford and Mr. Harry Crouch in the parts of Scatter and Augustus. A Miss Constance also has made her first appearance here in the character of Alice, which she played with a winsome grace that merited and received the approbation of the audience.

The Alexandra Theatre is making some endeavours at establishing its position, and has produced an extravaganza entitled, "In the Clouds; a Glimpse of Utopia," by Mr. Gilbert à Beckett. This gentleman's style of composition is well known. He prefers political allusions to literary wit, and cares little for anything especially dramatic. Satire, he thinks, is equivalent to all the other elements of success put together. It would be in vain, and, indeed, in many respects inconvenient, for us to attempt a detail of the topics out of which it was hoped to provoke a sensation, and to which a fair response enough was returned by the audience; nor is the piece, though clever, likely to command more than ordinary success.

We have also to record the representation of "The Hypocrite" at the Gaiety, for the purpose of exhibiting together for one week Mr. Phelps as Dr. Cantwell and Mr. Toole as Mawworm. So great was the expectation excited by the original announcement that all the chief places in the house have been secured for several weeks, and of course the audiences during the present have been overflowing. Criticism, it is obvious, were superfluous; enough that the realised excellence of the performance fully justified the previous interest which it had excited.

Not much information has yet transpired touching the forthcoming pantomimes; the policy of reticence has seemed the fittest to the various managements. We hear, however, that the subject of the pantomime at the Princess's will be "Little Puss in Boots," which is announced as an extravaganza for children, or "A Fairy Tale of a Cat;" at the Surrey, "Jack and the Beanstalk;" at Sanger's Grand National Theatre, "Cinderella; or, Harlequin Ride-a-Cockhorse and the Fairy of the Golden Dream;" at the Victoria, "The King of Trumps," by Mr. R. Dodson; at the Elephant and Castle, "Harlequin Babes in the Wood, Columbine Queen of the Sky, and the Lady of the Land," written and produced under the superintendence of Mr. T. Mead; at the New Albion, Poplar, "Harlequin Aladdin and the Lamp," written by Mr. G. H. George; and at the Standard, "Whittington and His Cat." At the Crystal Palace, this evening, a new pantomime will be performed, entitled "Puss in Boots; or, Dame Trot and Her Comical Cat, and the Great Ogre Fee-Fo-Fum," written by Mr. E. L. Blanchard.

Mark Twain has delivered a second lecture at the Hanover-square Rooms, entitled "Roughing it on the Silver Frontier." In this he discourses of the State of Nevada and its silver-mines. The reckless life of the miners and the adventures of travellers furnish him with a fund of anecdotes, which, told in his dry, humorous style, provoke the laughter of the audience.

Other lecturers have engaged in various readings. Mr. F. C. Burnand announces his intention to read a selection from his "Happy Thoughts" and other productions, at the new gallery, Argyll-street, Regent-street, commencing next Monday; and Mr. George E. Fairchild began, on Thursday, his readings from Aytoun, Dickens, and others, at St. George's Hall.

THE SMITHFIELD CLUB CATTLE SHOW.

This annual exhibition of live meat for the Londoners' Christmas dinners was held last week, from the Monday to the Friday, at the Agricultural Hall, Islington. It happened most unfortunately that the stifling and chilling fog of those days, mixed with the town smoke, caused much disease among the cattle in the Agricultural Hall. About one hundred animals were consequently removed into the country while the show was going on; but many of them suffered very severely, and several died of disease, while others had to be slaughtered. The show would otherwise have been a very good one. There were 249 entries of cattle (48 more than last year), of which 46 were Devons, 35 Herefords, 65 shorthorns, 33 Sussex, 29 Scotch, Irish, and Welsh, and 19 crossbred. The shorthorns made the finest show ever yet seen.

The beasts represented in our Illustrations, which are drawn by the well-known artist, Mr. Samuel Carter, deserve individual mention. The one in the foreground, at the bottom of the page Engraving, is the ox that won the championship cup, bred and sent by Mr. James Bult, of Doddhill House, Kingston, near Taunton. This magnificent roan ox, four years and two months old, had a girth of 9 ft. 8 in. and a weight of 24 cwt. His sire was the Earl of Fife, and his dam was Bertha Berenice, so as to combine the Bates, Booth, and Knightley blood. The beautiful creature in the middle of the page is the winner of the £40 cup, as the best female in all the classes, and of the £100 champion plate as the best animal of all the cattle, a heifer named Lady Flora, three years and two months old, owned by Mr. John Walter, M.P., of Bearwood, Wokingham. She was bred by Mr. Henry Micklem, of Rosehill, Henley-on-Thames; her sire was the eleventh Baron Wetherby, and her dam was Ringworm, whose sire was Fairleigh. She weighed 18 cwt., or 3½ cwt. more than the first-prize Devon ox, which was one year older. We regret to say that the end of Lady Flora's admired existence was not so happy as we could have wished for one so fair. She was made ill by the fog, and her friends were obliged to kill her on the Thursday morning. But her graceful head is consigned, like that of the Chillingham white bull, to those shifful naturalists, Messrs. James R. Ward and Co., of Piccadilly, to be preserved and handsomely mounted. It will be displayed on an oak shield, with carved decorations of holly-leaves and other devices, which will form an ornamental trophy in Mr. Walter's mansion. The third animal of the ox kind represented in our Artist's drawings is the first-prize young Devon steer, one aged two years and two weeks, belonging to her Majesty the Queen, and bred on the Prince Consort's model farm at Windsor; his sire was Napier, and his dam was Lavender. In the class of older Devon steers, the prize was taken by Mr. Trevor Lee, senior, of Broughton House, Aylesbury, with one bred from the same dam at Southmolton.

The show of sheep was the largest that has yet taken place, numbering 188 entries; the Leicesters, Southdowns, and others were of more than average excellence. In the enumeration of those which appear in our Engraving, we first take the sheep that stand in the foreground. These are fat wethers of the

Oxfordshire breed, twenty-one months old, from Woodstock, bred and exhibited by the Duke of Marlborough, who thereby won the first prize and the £20 cup, for the best in the Oxfordshire, Shropshire, and crossbred classes. Those in the background, at the top of the page, are the Southdown fat wethers of Lord Walsingham, from Thetford Hall, Norfolk, twenty months old, which took the first prize and silver cup in their class, and the champion plate of £50, as the best sheep in the whole show. There was an extraordinary sheep in the extra stock, a Lincolnshire wether, thirty-three months old, weighing 3 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.; this was bred by Mr. John Byron, of Kirkby-green, Sleaford, and won the extra-stock prize.

With respect to pigs, the show was not so good as on some former occasions; but there were some very good. Two of a pen of three, under twelve months old, exhibited by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, are represented by our Artist; but the mass of wholesome fat pork in the rear is one of the black improved Dorsets, aged eighteen months, bred by Mr. Charles M'Niven, of Oxted, Godstone, which gained the champion £20 cup as the best pigs in the Agricultural Hall. Of the pigs under nine months of age, Mr. John Biggs, of Leighton Buzzard, showed wonderful Berkshires; and the Marquis of Ailesbury won honours in this class.

The fog, which sickened so many of the oxen, kept thousands of people from the show. The number of visitors on Monday was 1120, or 200 above last year; on Tuesday, 14,500, or 8000 short of last year; on Wednesday, 31,652, or 12,700 short; on Thursday, 13,900, or 22,200 below last year; and on Friday not 3500, or fully 11,000 short: making the total for the week under 64,700, whereas last year the total was 118,975. The amount taken in shillings at the doors was £4328, which is £1817 less than last year.

The show of agricultural machines and implements was viewed, perhaps, with the greater interest, on account of the late disputes concerning the wages of farm labourers. Messrs. Howard, of Bedford; Ransome, of Ipswich; Fowler, of Leeds; and many other distinguished manufacturers, sent a variety of useful mechanical servants for the work of husbandry.

One of the "Howard Safety Boilers" was exhibited, with special appliances for diminishing the risk arising from neglect—an important advantage, as tending to secure absolute safety in working. In an ordinary Cornish boiler the quantity of water contained is from fifteen to twenty tons, each cubic foot of which exceeds a pound of gunpowder in explosive power. In such boilers as these the danger mainly consists in the vast accumulation of power in one large vessel. They are, in fact, like great magazines, and the wholesale destruction which attends their explosion cannot be a matter of surprise. Of course absolute immunity from explosions of some kind will never be realised, as even the candle bomb, which contains but a few drops of water, is a dangerous toy. It may be taken as an axiom that the highest degree of safety in the generation of steam is only to be obtained by the use of tubes or vessels of small sectional area; hence the numerous attempts which have been made to construct boilers of the tubulous class. Nothing seems easier than to do this, and so to subdivide the magazine into a number of chambers or cells that the bursting of any one of them would be comparatively harmless. We believe, however, that in no instance until the introduction of the "Howard Safety Boiler" was commercial success realised in this direction. The reasons for this want of success hitherto have been the mechanical difficulties and the widely-different conditions under which steam generators are expected to work, to which may be added the opposition encountered at every step from the advocates of stereotyped forms of boiler. The use of the Howard safety boiler has gone very far to settle the following important points—viz., that for every manufacturing purpose tubulous boilers may be worked with the advantages of safety and economy, and that the hard deposits which in ordinary boilers are a source of great trouble crack and scale off the small tubes from the expansion and contraction. If these advantages are confirmed by still wider practical tests, we may look for a cessation from the manufacture of those boilers which, in the event of explosion, scatter ruin on every side. It appears that some 700 of the Howard safety boilers are now successfully in use on land. The Harrow Shipbuilding Company (Limited), of which the Duke of Devonshire is chairman, are about to develop the principle for marine purposes; and it is expected that shortly one of the company's vessels trading between Barrow and Belfast will be fitted with the Howard boilers.

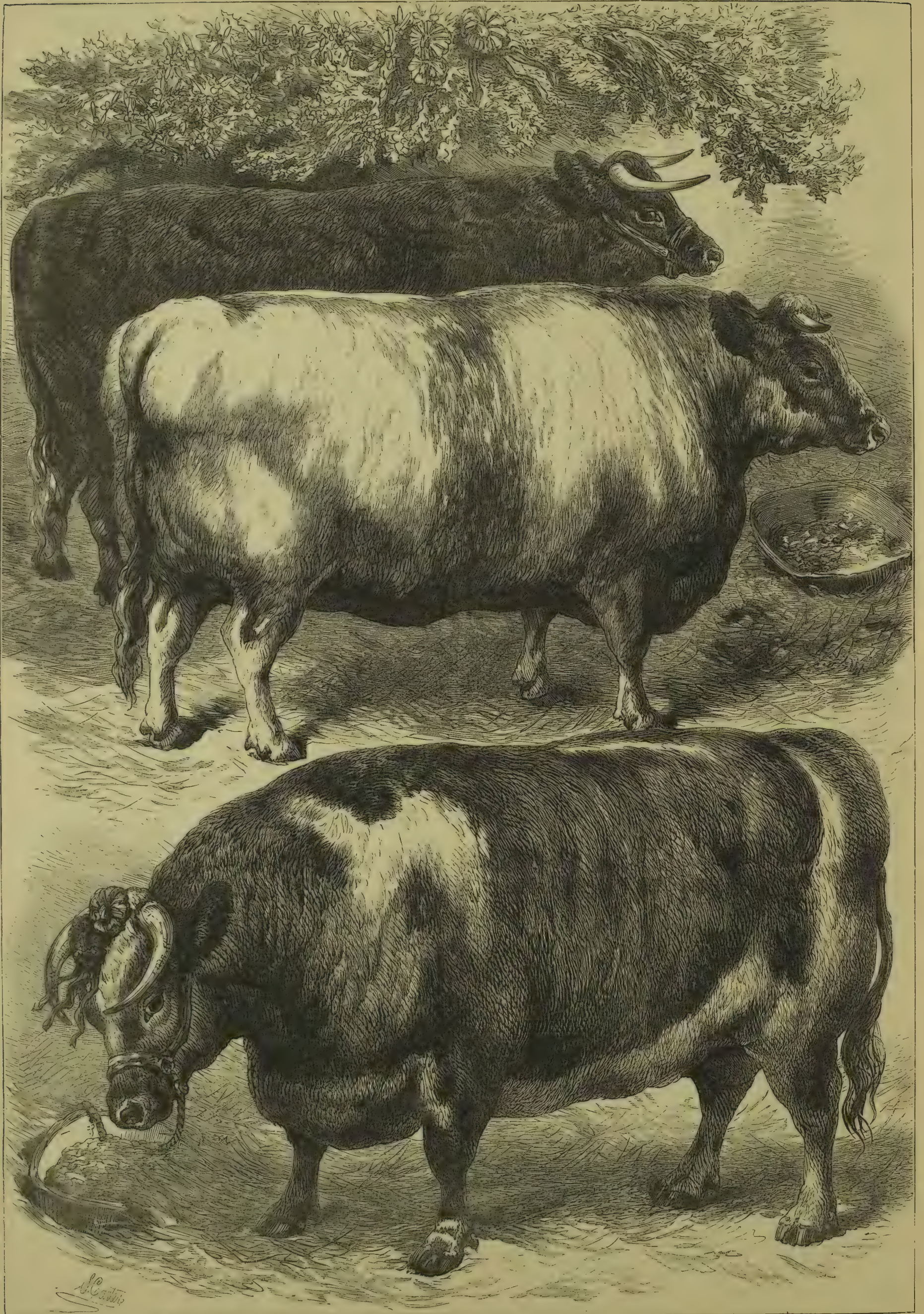
A new hall, erected at a cost of £25,000, intended for the performance of high-class musical works, was opened at Sheffield, on Monday, by Mr. Joseph Hallam, the Mayor. Mr. Best gave a recital on the organ, which has cost £5000.

The office of Blue Mantle Pursuivant of Arms, vacant by the promotion of Mr. Henry Harrington Molyneux-Seel to be Richmond Herald, has, it appears from Tuesday's *Gazette*, been given to Mr. Edward Bellasis, barrister-at-law.

At a meeting of the Lord Provost and magistrates of Edinburgh, held on Monday night, it was resolved, on the occasion of the Duke of Edinburgh's marriage, to illuminate the Castle Hill and other prominent heights with "padellas," to have bonfires on Arthur's Seat and Salisbury Craigs, and to illuminate the public offices. It was agreed to recommend all public bodies to light up their buildings. It was also determined that there should be a banquet for the people in the Corn Exchange, and that another should be arranged for a certain number of the citizens and the council.

The useful and beautiful pocket-books of the year published by Messrs. De la Rue and Co. have, as usual, made their appearance in good time. Those prepared for the ladies are prettier than ever; there is a little one, about three inches by two, in a flexible binding of bright green morocco, with silk lining, which is a perfect gem; and one of middling size, in soft leather of a light fawn-colour, will suit a graver feminine taste. Each contains the "indelible diary and memorandum-book," with the calendar or almanack, and some accessory notes. There are two or three editions of the tablet form, which is handy for writing; and the desk diary will serve for use in the counting-house, office, or study.—Messrs. Letts and Co. have also provided, with the same completeness as in former years, for the convenience of business men and housekeepers wanting a practical day-book.—The "City Diary" of Messrs. Collingridge, interleaved with blotting-paper, is very cheap, and is well adapted to record the engagements of a London tradesman.—A little twopenny almanack, compiled by Mr. Samuel Walker, photographer, of Margaret-street, is meant for a Sunday companion at church, as it contains the lectionary, or list of all the Scriptural lessons to be read throughout the year, which may thus be found in the Bible ready for the clergyman to begin.—"Punch's Pocket-Book" for 1874 is comical as might be expected with the aid of Mr. Tenniel, Mr. Keene, and other artists, and of the witticists who flourish a funny pen. The coloured frontispiece is a peep into the School of Cookery, in which the virtues of courtship and conjugal happiness seem to be included.

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OBITUARY OF EMINENT PERSONS.

LORD ATHLUMNEY.

The Right Hon. Sir William Meredith Somerville, Baron Athlumney, of Somerville, in the Peerage of Ireland, and Baron Meredith, of Dolardstown, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, P.C., died at Dover on the 7th inst. His Lordship was born in 1802, the elder son of Sir Marcus Somerville, Bart., M.P. for the county of Meath, by his first wife,

Mary Anne, only daughter and heiress of Sir Richard Gorges Meredith, Bart.; and succeeded his father, as fourth Baronet, July 11, 1831. He first entered the diplomatic service, and was paid Attaché at Berlin November, 1829, to December, 1832. From July, 1846, to July, 1847, he was Under-Secretary of the Home Department; and from the latter date till February, 1852, his Lordship (then Sir William Somerville) held the post of Chief Secretary for Ireland. He sat in Parliament for Drogheda from 1837 to 1852; and for Canterbury, from 1854 to 1865. Lord Athlumney was raised to the Peerage of Ireland, Dec. 14, 1863; and to that of the United Kingdom, May 3, 1866. He married, first, Dec. 22, 1832, Lady Maria Harriet Conyngham, youngest daughter of the late Marquis Conyngham, K.P., by whom he had a son, who died an infant, and a daughter, Elizabeth Jane, wife of the present Earl of Charlemont, K.P. His Lordship married, secondly, at Paris, Oct. 16, 1860, Maria Georgina Elizabeth, only daughter of the late Herbert George Jones, serjeant-at-law, by Maria Alicia, his wife, daughter of Sir George W. Leeds, Bart., and leaves by her five daughters, and an only son, James Herbert, Gustavus Meredith, present Lord Athlumney, born March 23, 1865. Orator and statesman, the nobleman whose decease we record held a high position among the leaders of the Whig party; and as a resident landlord he was esteemed and honoured beyond most men in Ireland.

SIR GEORGE ROSE.

The Hon. Sir George Rose, F.R.S., died at Brighton, on the 3rd inst., in the ninety-second year of his age. He was the son of Mr. G. Rose, and was educated at Westminster, and at Trinity College, Cambridge, where he graduated M.A., 1805. Sir George was called to the Bar by the Hon. Society of the Inner Temple in 1809, and became a King's Counsel, 1827. In 1831 he was nominated Judge of the Court of Review (now termed the Bankruptcy Court), and the same year received the honour of knighthood. In 1840 he was appointed a Master in Chancery. Sir George, who was for many years the senior Bench of his inn, was well known as an accomplished scholar.

VICE-ADMIRAL GORDON.

Vice-Admiral William Gordon died recently, at Leigh Court, in the eighty-first year of his age. He had seen much active service in his earlier days; was midshipman in the Kingfisher, at St. Domingo; was engaged in the affairs on the coast of Spain; at the siege of Rosas in 1808, and the destruction of ships in Aix Roads. Gordon was with the Walcheren Expedition in 1809, and in 1815 was present at the attack upon New Orleans. His commissions bore date—Lieutenant, 1812; Commander, 1815; Captain, 1841; Rear-Admiral, 1862; and Vice-Admiral, 1867.

O'GRADY OF KILBALLYOWEN.

William de Courcy O'Grady, of Kilballyowen, in the county of Limerick, chief of his name, and as such styled "O'Grady," died at his seat near Bruff, in the county of Limerick, on the 25th ult. He was born in 1816, the eldest son of (Gerald de Courcy) O'Grady of Kilballyowen, J.P. and D.L., by Anne, his wife, only child of William Wise, Esq., of Cork, and was descended from one of the most ancient Milesian families of Ireland. Educated at Winchester, and at Trinity College, Dublin, where he graduated B.A. in 1837 and M.A. in 1840, he was, in the latter year, called to the Irish Bar. He married, Sept. 13, 1841, Anna Grogan, only daughter of Thomas de Renzie, Esq., of Clobemon Hall, in the county of Wexford, and leaves three sons and two daughters. A peculiar designation is still applied to the chiefs of ancient houses in Ireland—for instance, there are, besides "O'Grady," MacDermott, Prince of Coolavine, McGillicuddy of the Reeks, O'Connor Don, O'Donoghue of the Glens, the Baron of Killoc, the Knights of Glin and of Kerry, &c.

MR. GORE-LANGTON, M.P.

William Henry Powell Gore-Langton, Esq., of Newton Park, in the county of Somerset, M.A., Christ Church, Oxon, J.P. and D.L., M.P. for West Somerset, died, at his seat near Bristol, on the 11th inst. He was born July 25, 1824, the only son of William Gore-Langton, Esq., of Combe Hay, by Jacintha Frances Beauchamp, his wife, only child of Henry Powell Collins, Esq., of Hatch Beauchamp, and succeeded to the extensive estates of his family at the decease of his grandfather, Colonel William Gore-Langton, who had assumed the latter surname on his marriage with the heiress of Joseph Langton, Esq., of Newton Park. Paternally the Gores of Newton Park are of the same stock as the Earls of Arran. Mr. Gore-Langton, the subject of this notice, married, June 9, 1846, Lady Anne Eliza Mary Grenville, only daughter of the late Duke of Buckingham and Chandos, K.G., and heiress presumptive of the earldom of Temple, by whom he leaves William Stephen, born May 11, 1847, and other issue. It is curious to remark that, should the present Duke of Buckingham die without male issue, his higher honours will become extinct; but the earldom of Temple will devolve on Mr. Gore-Langton, the viscountcy of Cobham on Lord Lyttelton, and the barony of Bruce of Kinloss on his Grace's eldest daughter, Lady Mary Grenville.

MR. CHANDOS-POLE, OF RADBORNE.

Edward Sacheverell Chandos-Pole, Esq., of Radborne Hall, Derbyshire, who died there on the 30th ult., was the eldest son of Edward Sacheverell Chandos-Pole, Esq., of Radborne Hall (High Sheriff of the county of Derby 1827), by Anna Maria, his wife, daughter of the Rev. E. S. Wilmot. He was born Jan. 10, 1826, and received his education at Eton, and at Oriel College, Oxford. Mr. Chandos-Pole was called to the Bar by the Hon. Society of the Middle Temple in 1867. He was a J.P. and D.L., and served the office of High Sheriff for Derbyshire in 1867. He married, Aug. 15, 1850, Lady Anna Caroline Stanhope, elder daughter and coheiress (with her sister, the present Countess of Milltown) of Leicester, Earl of Harrington and leaves a son, Reginald Walkelyne, born in 1853. The family of which Mr. Chandos-Pole was the head is one of the

most eminent among the untitled nobility, deriving in a direct descent, and inheriting the estate of Radborne, from Sir John Chandos, K.G., the illustrious warrior of the reign of Edward III. and the companion in arms of the Black Prince.

MR. WINTERBOTHAM, M.P.

Henry Selfe Page Winterbotham, Esq., LL.B., M.P. for Stroud, and Under-Secretary of State for the Home Department, died at Rome on the 13th inst. He was born, in 1837, the second son of the late Lindsey Winterbotham, Esq., banker, of Stroud, and received his education at Amersham School, and at the London University, where he graduated, with honours, in 1856. In 1858 he was Hume Scholar in Jurisprudence, and in 1859 Hume Scholar in Political Economy and University Law Scholar. In 1860 he was called to the Bar, and practised in the Equity Courts, until appointed, in March, 1871, Under-Secretary of State. He had sat for Stroud since August, 1867, and had gained considerable Parliamentary distinction.

SIR H. GREIG.

Sir Hector Greig, K.C.M.G., formerly Chief Secretary to the Government at Malta, died at Torquay, on the 5th inst., in his eighty-eighth year.

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SOLUTION OF PROBLEM No. 1554.

WHITE.	BLACK.	WHITE.	BLACK.
1. R to K Kt 7th (dis. ch.)	Q takes B	2. R to Q B 5th (ch) P takes R	3. R to Q 7th. Mate.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM No. 1555.

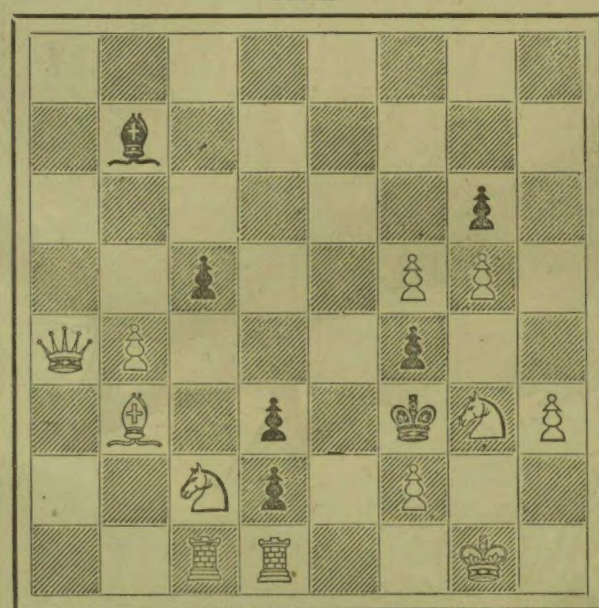
WHITE.	BLACK.	WHITE.	BLACK.
1. Q to K 3rd	Kt moves (*)	2. Q to K B 3rd (ch) Any move	3. Q or Kt gives mate.

(*) 1. Kt takes P (ch) P takes B K moves 3. Q to K B 3rd. Mate.

PROBLEM No. 1556.

By Mr. A. TOWNSEND.

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play, and mate in two moves.

CHESS IN VIENNA.

The following Game was played in the Vienna Chess Club between Mr. BLACKBURN and Mr. HAMPE.—(Philidor's Defence.)

WHITE (Mr. B.)	BLACK (Mr. H.)	WHITE (Mr. B.)	BLACK (Mr. H.)
1. P to K 4th	P to K 4th	19. Kt to K R 4th	K to K 2nd
2. P to K B 3rd	P to Q 3rd	20. P to K B 4th	R to Q B sq
3. P to Q 4th	P takes P	21. Kt to K B 3rd	P to K R 4th
4. Q takes P	Kt to Q B 3rd	22. B to K sq	K to B 4th
5. B to Q Kt 5th	B to Q 2nd	23. P to K Kt 3rd	Kt to Q B 4th
6. B takes Kt	B takes B	24. K to B 2nd	Kt to K 5th (ch)
7. B to K Kt 5th	B to K 2nd	25. K to Kt 2nd	K to K 3rd
		26. K to R 3rd	B to K sq
		27. K to R 4th	P to K B 3rd
		28. R to Q Kt 4th	P takes P
8. Q takes Kt P	B to K B 3rd	29. R takes P	R takes P
9. Q takes R	B takes Q	30. B to Q Kt 4th	B to Q 2nd
10. B takes Q	B takes Q Kt P	31. P to B 5th (ch)	K takes P
11. B takes Q B P	K to Q 2nd	32. R takes B	R to K B 7th
12. B to Q R 5th	B takes R	33. R to K B 7th (ch)	Kt to B 3rd
13. Castles	Kt to K B 3rd	34. B to K 7th	R takes Kt
14. Q Kt to Q 2nd	B to K 4th	35. R takes Kt (ch)	K to K 6th
15. R to Q sq	B to K B 5th	36. P to K Kt 5th	R to K B 5th
16. P to K 5th	B takes Q Kt	37. K takes P	P to Q 5th
17. R takes B	Kt to K 5th	38. P to K Kt 5th	P to Q 6th
18. R to Q 4th	P to Q 4th	39. B to Q Kt 4th	Resigns

MATCH BETWEEN THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY AND THE BRISTOL AND CLIFTON CHESS CLUBS.—A match between these two clubs, eight members aside, came off on the 4th inst., the result being—Bristol and Clifton won 11 games. Oxford University, 6 ditto.

NEW GERMAN CHESS SOCIETY.—The Chess Clubs of Mayence, Frankfurt-on-Main, and Mannheim have lately formed a union called the "Süd Deutsche Schach Bund." This association will probably be joined by all the cities and towns of South Germany; and it is intended to hold a grand tournament at each yearly, in succession.

MATCH BETWEEN THE OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE CHESS CLUBS.—The Cambridge University Chess Club having lately sent a challenge to the Oxford University Chess Club to play a match next spring, the latter has accepted the offer, and we believe the tourney will be fought at the same time as the Oxford and Cambridge boat-race takes place.

WILLS AND BEQUESTS.

The will of the Right Hon. Sir William Bovill, Lord Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, was proved on the 6th inst. by Dame Maria Bovill, the relict, and William Channell Bovill, the son, the acting executors, the personal estate being sworn under £70,000. The testator bequeaths his shares in the County and Borough Hall Guildford Company (Limited) to the Mayor and Corporation of Guildford, the income and votes in respect thereof to be used and applied for the benefit of the Guildford Working Men's Institution, of which he was formerly president; to his wife a pecuniary legacy of £5000, all his household furniture and effects, a leasehold house in Bedford-square, and his residence in Eccleston-square, and, after giving a few legacies, he gives her a life interest in the residue of his property; at her death such residue is to go among his children and grandchildren in such manner as she may appoint. The will (dated Jan. 20, 1870) is all in the deceased's handwriting.

The Irish probate granted on the 17th ult. of the will and codicil of the Right Hon. Henry Lord Annaly, of Woodlands, Dublin, was sealed at the principal registry, London, on the 6th inst. The executors are Lieutenant-Colonel the Hon. Charles William White, M.P., the son, and William Lane Joynt. The personal estate in England and Ireland is sworn under £35,000. The will, which is very long, is mainly taken up with the settlement of his estates in Ireland. There is a bequest of £2000 to the Protestant Episcopal Church in Ireland—viz., £1000 for the benefit of the parish of Rathcline, in the county of Longford; and £1000 for the benefit of the parish of Ballyvaughan and Rathbone, in the county of Clare.

The will and two codicils of Mr. George Crawshaw, late of Colney Hatch, who died on the 27th ult., were proved on the 11th inst. by George Crawshaw, Edmund Crawshaw, Sydney Crawshaw, and Herbert Crawshaw, the sons, the executors, the personal estate being sworn under £500,000. The testator leaves to his wife, Mrs. Louisa Crawshaw, his dwelling houses at Colney Hatch and Montagu-street, Russell-square, and all his household furniture and effects, together with such annual sum as, with the income derived by her under her marriage settlement, will make up £4500 per annum; to the children of his deceased son, Alfred, £31,000; upon trust for his daughter, Mrs. Louise Constance Graham, £40,000; for his daughter, Mrs. Juliet St. Clair, £30,000; and to his daughter, Mrs. Emma St. Clair, £13,000; and these sums are declared to be in augmentation of any money they may be entitled to under settlement. Many annuities and legacies are left to gentlemen and servants in the employment of his firm and his own private employment, and the residue of his property, real and personal, he gives to his sons, George, Edmund, Sydney, and Herbert.

The will of Mr. Edward Payne Rothwell, late of Yealand Conyers, in the parish of Warton, Lancashire, was proved on the 6th inst. by Mrs. Maria Wright, the personalty being sworn under £45,000. The testator gives his sister, the said Mrs. Maria Wright, £2000, and she is to have the interest of the remainder of his estate for life; at her death it is to be divided among her issue as she shall appoint.

The will and two codicils of Mr. Frederick Samuel Child, late of Wood Hall, Shenley, Herts, and of Bath, a member of the Madras Civil Service, and a barrister-at-law, were proved on the 1st inst. by William Liddiard, the acting executor, the personal estate in England being sworn under £45,000. Testator bequeaths legacies to his brothers and other relatives, and leaves the residue to his sister, Mrs. Jane Liddiard.

CURIOUS WILLS.

(Contributed by the Author of "Flemish Interiors.")

WILL OF BAKHUYSEN THE PAINTER.

Bakhuysen, born at Emden, in 1631, died at Amsterdam, in 1709, was not only a celebrated painter, but a skilful engraver and a not inelegant poet. There appears to have been a great fund of gaiety in his character, and this gaiety did not forsake him even in his old age, although he suffered from a lingering disease. Finding his end approaching, he ordered some of the best possible wine to be bought, and, having had it bottled, sealed the corks with his seal; he then placed in a purse seventy-eight gold coins, having lived that number of years, and by his will he invited the same number of friends—each of whom he named—to his funeral, begging them to accept his money and drink his wine with the same cordiality with which he offered it. We should mention that it is the custom in Amsterdam to present a glass of wine to guests attending at a funeral.

Another Dutch painter, Martin Heemskirk, left by his will a sum to provide annually a dowry for a young girl from his native village, on condition that on the day of the wedding the bride and bridegroom should come and dance with the wedding-guests upon his grave. Guy Patin relates this anecdote as having occurred about the middle of the seventeenth century, and declares that the testator's prescription was faithfully carried out as long as the foundation lasted.

WILL OF AN IRISH MISER.

An Irishman named Dennis Tolam, who died at Cork possessed of considerable wealth, in the year 1769, left a singular will, containing the following testamentary dispositions:—"I leave to my sister-in-law four old stockings, which will be found under my mattress, to the right. Item: To my nephew, Michael Tarles, two odd socks and a green nightcap. Item: To Lieutenant John Stein, a blue stocking, with my red cloak. Item: To my cousin, Barbara Dolan, an old boot with a red flannel pocket. Item: To Hannah, my housekeeper, my broken water-jug. After the death of the testator, the legatees having been convened by the notary to be present at the reading of the will, each, as he or she was named, shrugged their shoulders and otherwise expressed a contemptuous disappointment, while parties uninterested in the succession could not refrain from laughing at these ridiculous, not to say insulting, legacies. All were leaving the room, after signifying their intention of renouncing their bequests, when the last named, Hannah, having testified her indignation by kicking away the broken pitcher, a number of coins rolled out of it: the other individuals, astonished at the unexpected incident, began to think better of their determination, and requested permission to examine the articles devised to them. It is needless to say that, on proceeding to the search, the stockings, socks, pocket, &c., soon betrayed by their weight the value of their contents, and the hoard of the testator, thus fairly distributed, left on the minds of the legatees a very different impression of his worth.

Between Saturday night and Monday morning, the jewellery establishment of Mrs. Gilbert, High-street, Belfast, was entered, and watches and jewellery to the value of £2000 were carried off.

The Caledonian challenge shield, won at Edinburgh by Colonel Wilson, commanding officer of the 1st Stirlingshire Battalion of Volunteers, was last Saturday handed over to the keeping of the Corporation of Stirling.

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